

WATER WISE TIPS

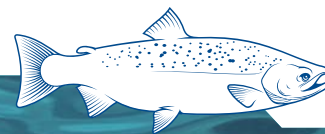
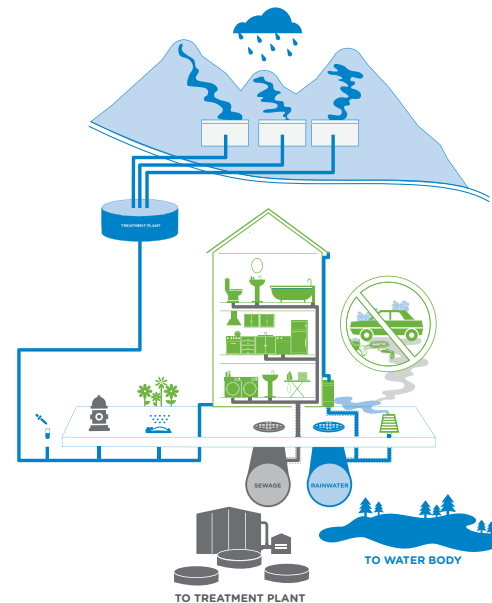
	GO FOR GOLD! Show your commitment to being water wise and let your lawn go naturally gold this summer.
	CHOOSE NATIVE AND DROUGHT-TOLERANT These plants are better conditioned to respond to our local growing conditions with little added water.
	DELIVER WATER DIRECTLY TO PLANTS Use a watering can, hand-held spring-loaded nozzle or drip irrigation to make sure water goes exactly where it's needed.
	INSTALL A RAIN BARREL Reduce your demand for treated drinking water this summer by watering your plants with chlorine-free, ambient-temperature rain water that your garden will love.
	ADD MULCH Mulch keeps weeds at bay and prevents soil erosion and compaction. It also helps shelter soil and reduce evaporation.
	CONSIDER LAWN ALTERNATIVES Plant drought tolerant groundcovers, shade-loving moss, or consider paths and patios to save on water and time.
	TAKE A BREAK FROM WASHING THE CAR If it really needs a scrub, take it to a car wash – they use up to 7 times less water than hosing it down at home.
	SWEEP AND SPOT CLEAN Spot clean your windows with a spring-Sweep away leaves and debris rather than using a hose to spray them away.
	FOLLOW LAWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS One hour a week is all your lawn really needs to be healthy.

OUR WATER DOESN'T JUST FALL FROM THE SKY

Vancouver has some of the best tap-water in the world. Rain and snowmelt are captured in three protected reservoirs. What we capture in the rainy months is what has to last us through our warm, dry summers.

Before delivery to homes and businesses, this water is treated and transported through a vast network of water pipes. Water released down the drain gets treated again before being released to the environment.

Being water wise helps conserve and keep our water affordable.



Water Wise Lawns



A manicured lawn uses more water and requires more time and effort to maintain than other forms of landscaping. Watering, mowing, weed control and fertilizing have both economic and environmental impact. There are many low maintenance alternatives to lawn that are attractive, environmentally sensitive and require little to no watering.

ALTERNATIVES TO LAWN:

- Consider installing permeable paths
- Let native moss grow — it's perfect for shady, moist spots
- Try drought tolerant groundcovers
- Replace lawn with micro clover – it's green and pest resistant

IF LAWN IS A NECESSITY:

- Deep watering once a week during the dry season is all you need
- Allow lawn to go dormant (gold) in summer – it will green up again in the fall



WATER WISE LAWN AND GARDEN

How to have a beautiful and stylish landscape without wasting water.



DID YOU KNOW?

Sewer treatment is half the cost of water! By reducing overall water use, we reduce the cost to treat the water that we've used.

DROUGHT TOLERANT

Drought tolerant plants survive with very little water once established. While native plants flourish in our climate of dry summers and wet winters, they don't always offer us the range of colour we desire. Using plants from other regions of the world can broaden our colour palette. They will perform beautifully alongside native species while injecting a boost of colour.



PINK

Lychnis coronaria (Rose Champion)

RED

Geum 'Blazing Sunset' (Geum)

ORANGE

Helenium 'Mardi Gras' (Sneezeweed)

YELLOW

Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm' (Black-Eyed Susan)

GREEN

Euphorbia 'Shorty' (Evergreen Spurge)

BLUE

Echinops 'Veitch's Blue (Globe Thistle)

PURPLE












Lavandula 'Ellagance Purple' (Lavender)

WHITE

Echinacea 'Pow Wow White' (White coneflower)

NATIVE PLANTS

Who knows our environment better than the locals? Native plants are attractive and perfectly adapted to our growing conditions.

Ferns, Grasses & Bulbs	SWORD FERN (Polystichum munitum)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evergreen perennial to 1.2m by 1.2m• Full shade to part shade, grows in most soil types• Bold foliage and very easy to grow
	IDAHO FESCUE (Festuca idahoensis 'Siskiyou Blue')		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evergreen clumping grass to 45cm• Elegant steel blue foliage and wheat coloured flowers in summer• Full sun to part shade, drought tolerant and grows in most soil
	NODDING ONION (Allium cernuum)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deciduous bulb growing to 30-45cm• Flower stalks appear to droop before opening into showy pink umbels• Best in full sun to part shade and most well-drained soils
Perennials	WESTERN COLUMBINE (Aquilegia Formosa)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deciduous perennial growing to 60cm• Spurred bright red-orange outer petals and yellow inners• Prefers lighter soils, full to part sun
	SHOWY ASTER (Aster conspicuus)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deciduous perennial growing up to 1m• Violet blue daisy flowers in summer• Prefers sun to part sun, moist to dry soils of any type
	COMMON YARROW (Achillea millefolium)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deciduous perennial to 1m adored by butterflies• Showy white flower clusters above lacy foliage• Grows well in poor soils and requires little moisture
Groundcovers	KINNICKINNICK (Arctostaphylos uva-ursi)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mat-forming evergreen growing 10-15cm tall by 60cm• Prefers well-drained soils in full to part sun• Prolific pink bell flowers in spring and red berries in fall
	REDWOOD SORREL (Oxalis oregano)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deciduous creeping ground cover to 20cm• Prefers full to part shade in moist humus-rich soil• Variegated shamrock leaves followed by pink flowers in spring/summer
	BROAD-LEAFED STONECROP (Sedum spathulifolium)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evergreen succulent groundcover that forms a dense mat• Grows to 20cm high and is covered in bright yellow flowers in summer• Drought tolerant, best in full sun and well-drained soil
Shrubs	CASCADE OREGON GRAPE (Mahonia nervosa)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evergreen shrub that grows 0.6m high by 1.3m wide• Canary yellow flowers in spring and waxy-blue berries in fall• Grows in full sun to deep shade, adaptable to difficult sites
	RED-FLOWERING CURRANT (Ribes sanguineum)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deciduous shrub growing to 2.5m high by 2.5m wide• Beautiful carmine red flowers in spring• Sun to part sun, handling most soil types with good

WATER RESTRICTIONS

TEAR HERE

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
	RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	PROHIBITED
 Residential lawn watering	Even-numbered addresses: Mon. / Weds. / Sat. 4am - 9am ONLY Odd-numbered addresses:	Even-numbered addresses: Monday 4 am to 9 am ONLY Odd-numbered addresses: Thursday 4 am to 9 am ONLY	No lawn watering allowed
 Non-residential lawn watering	RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	PROHIBITED
	Even-numbered addresses: Mon. / Weds. 1am - 6am and Fri. 4am - 9am Odd-numbered addresses: Tues. / Thurs. 1am - 6am and Fri. 4am - 9am	Even-numbered addresses: Wednesday 1 am to 6 am ONLY Odd-numbered addresses: Tuesday 1 am to 6 am ONLY	No lawn watering allowed
 Gardens, shrubs, trees	ALLOWED	ALLOWED	RESTRICTED
	No restrictions	No restrictions	Hand or spring-loaded shut-off nozzle ONLY
 Car and boat washing	RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	PROHIBITED
	By spring-loaded shut-off nozzle ONLY	By spring-loaded shut-off nozzle ONLY	For safety ONLY (mirrors, windows, license plate)
 Surface and power washing	RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
	No restrictions	For safety or painting prep ONLY Commercial companies exempt	For safety or painting prep ONLY Commercial companies exempt