



EPCOR FRENCH CREEK NEWSLETTER

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Watering Restrictions

Warmer weather means that we will soon be entering the water restriction season. Responsible outdoor water use is crucial in ensuring our water supply is available for everyone. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The following **Stage 1** outdoor watering restriction takes effect **April 1**:

- Water use outdoors is limited to between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Stage 2 restrictions will start **May 1** with the following schedule:

- Even numbered homes water on even dates (e.g. 4th, 6th, 18th, etc.), if necessary.
- Odd numbered homes water on odd dates (e.g. 3rd, 5th, 21st, etc.), if necessary.
- Water only between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. or between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. for a maximum of two hours.

NOTE: Remember to set your automatic irrigation systems to comply with these restrictions.

Visit epcor.com for updates to these restrictions.

French Creek Water Rates 2019

This is a reminder that water rates will increase in 2019 and be reflected on your April bill. The average residential household will see an increase of \$2.78 per month.

Details of the rate application can be viewed online at epcor.com.



Outdoor Water Conservation Tips for Gardening Season

General:

- Sweep your driveway clean rather than washing with a hose.
- Add mulch to your soil to conserve water by reducing evaporation, lowering soil temperature and controlling weeds, which compete with other plants for water. Mulches can include shredded leaves, wood chips, grass clippings or even rock and gravel.
- Set sprinklers and hoses to deliver water in large droplets, which are more resistant to evaporation.
- Native vegetation is the least thirsty. Ask if the specific grass, shrubs or trees you are buying will thrive in your particular geographic area.

Lawn Watering:

- The best time to water is early morning or early evening to avoid sun evaporation.
- Cut your grass so it is relatively tall (6 cm or 2.5 inches). Taller grass shades the roots and holds moisture better.
- Check irrigation systems regularly for leaks; look for overgrown or especially green portions of your lawn indicating a possible leak.

Water Facts – Did You Know?

- In 1955, an epidemiologist named John Snow showed that cholera was a waterborne disease; he showed this by linking an outbreak in London with a contaminated well.
- In the late 1880s, Louis Pasteur demonstrated the “germ theory” of disease, which showed how microscopic organisms could transmit diseases through water.
- In 1908, chlorine was used for the first time as a primary disinfectant of drinking water in the United States.
- 80% of diseases in developing countries are water related.

Source: (<https://www.safewater.org/fact-sheets-1/2017/1/23/facts-and-statistics>)

Contact Us

EPCOR's office is open Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. We are closed from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

The office will be closed for the following holidays: April 19 and 22, May 20 and July 1, 2019.

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