# EPCOR ESSENTIALS



### National Drinking Water Week

May 5-11 is National Drinking Water Week, where we highlight the complex systems that deliver water to your faucet. As a reliable water steward, we handle infrastructure maintenance to ensure your water service isn't interrupted and that no water is wasted. EPCOR invests millions of dollars in water system infrastructure that serves as a lifeline for homes and businesses, and we take every opportunity to innovate, conserve water and reduce costs to our customers.

# National Infrastructure Week

Your monthly water bill pays for the water your home or business uses each month, plus a lot more. The majority of your bill helps maintain thousands of miles of pipes, thousands of meters and valves, hundreds of water mains and wells and the entire water system.

Keeping water system infrastructure in top working order is essential to bringing clean, high-quality water to you every day. It's designed to last a long time, but eventually, all parts of a system will need to be replaced. In the meantime, existing systems need regular maintenance so your water can be delivered far into the future. Thank you for doing your part to support water infrastructure, especially during National Infrastructure Week (May 13-17).



## Summer Irrigation Prep

Tune up your outdoor irrigation system as the weather warms up. Follow this list to spruce up your system before summer.

- Water your lawn in the early morning or evening to prevent evaporation
- Update frequency settings and timers
- Check for puddles or overspray on sidewalks and driveways
- Pause your schedule after it rains

### A Beginner's Guide to Xeriscaping

Xeriscape is a style of landscape design used in arid regions that saves water by using plants that are beautiful, native and adaptable to our climate. Xeriscape gardens require little to no irrigation, saving you time and money on your water bill. Check out the seven principles the Xeriscape concept is based on, listed below, and consider adding low-water-use plants to your yard this planting season.

- 1. Planning and design
- 2. Soil improvements
- 3. Efficient irrigation
- 4. Plant zones
- 5. Mulches
- 6. Turf alternatives
- 7. Maintenance



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