



## WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Beachville (Loweville Subdivision)	Hickson (King Subdivision)	Otterville-Springford
Bright	Ingersoll	Plattsville
Brownsville	Innerkip	Tavistock
Dereham Centre	Lakeside	Thamesford
Drumbo-Princeton	Mount Elgin	Tillsonburg
Emburo	Norwich	Woodstock-Sweaburg

By-law No. 4193-2002 applies to all water systems owned by Oxford County and regulates the **external use of water** from **May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**The EXTERNAL USE of MUNICIPAL WATER is RESTRICTED as noted below:**

### RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

1. Properties with street numbers ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 may use water on even days of the calendar from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
2. Properties with street numbers ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 may use water on odd days of the calendar from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL

1. Properties with street numbers ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 may apply water on even days of the calendar from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2. Properties with street numbers ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 may apply water on odd days of the calendar from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Water is a valuable resource and any property owner deemed by the County to be abusing the available water supply by watering at times other than as approved by this by-law, or other activities detrimental to the water supply, will be subject to the following **PENALTIES**:

- A warning will be given for the first offence. On a second or further occurrence the **water pressure may be reduced to the property**. In the case of a total external water use ban no warnings will be given before water pressure is reduced.
- **Property owners shall pay \$75.00 to have the water pressure restored during normal working hours.**
- An additional \$75.00 will be charged for after hours or weekend service to restore pressure.
- A fine of \$150.00 in addition to the above charge may be applied to any property owner who adjusts water shut-off after it has been set for reduced pressure. Any such charges may be collected in a like manner as taxes if not paid within thirty (30) days.

Please note that further restrictions may be implemented when excessive water usage occurs.

**Permits** are required for automatic sprinkler systems, initial swimming pool filling, extended watering hours for new seed/sod, non-profit organization fund-raising events and permits for special consideration. Permits are available from Oxford County. See backside of page for more information.

A copy of the By-law is available from Oxford County by calling 519-539-9800 or toll free 1-866-537-7778 or online at [www.oxfordcounty.ca/drinkingwater](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/drinkingwater).

## EXEMPTION PERMITS

### 1. AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

- a. **Non-metered customers** who have an automatic sprinkler system shall apply to Oxford County for an exemption permit to utilize their automated system for 4 hours maximum between the hours of 12 midnight and 6:00 a.m. either on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The permit will be issued for **one season only**, from May 1 to September 30. Each permit will cost \$25.00 HST included.
- b. **Metered customers** shall apply for a permit, subject to the timing above. There is no charge for the permit.
- c. **Condominium units** with automatic sprinkler systems shall apply for a permit, subject to the same conditions as above. This permit will be issued for **one season only**, from May 1 to September 30. If **non-metered** each permit will cost \$10.00 per unit to a maximum of \$250.00 HST included.

### 2. NEW SOD, SEED, TREES & OUTSIDE PROJECTS (No Fee)

Individuals who need to water new sod, seed, trees or for lawn maintenance, can apply to Oxford County for an exemption permit to water their lawn/trees for up to **five nights from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.** Individuals who plan outside projects (e.g. power washing houses, misting new concrete driveways) shall apply for a permit to use outside water beyond the normal watering hours. Please call 2 days in advance.

### 3. PERMITS FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FUND-RAISING (No Fee)

Non-Profit Organizations can apply for an exemption permit to use outside water for a fund-raising event to be held outside the normal water use hours. Permits will be issued without charge for a specific event upon application prior to the event to a responsible adult who is organizing the fund-raising.

### 4. PERMITS FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION (No Fee)

Water customers can apply to the Public Works Director or designate for a special consideration exemption permit to allow the customer to use water beyond the normal outside water use hours for a reason which, in the opinion of the Public Works Director or designate, is a legitimate one and will not endanger the water supply. Special consideration permits will not be used to extend the normal lawn and garden watering hours or the terms of any other exemption permit.

### 5. PERMITS FOR SWIMMING POOL FILLING

The initial seasonal filling of a swimming pool with water from a County water systems requires an exemption permit costing \$50. Ingersoll, Norwich, Tillsonburg and Woodstock customers are exempt if a water meter has been installed. Topping up pools to compensate for normal water loss is permitted during the designated watering times.



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**PLEASE USE WATER WISELY!**

