# AWN WATERING RESTRICTIONS

For more information please contact your local municipality.

- It is estimated that up to 55% of peak residential water use and 28% of peak total water use in the Union Water Supply System is outdoor residential use.
- Less outdoor residential water use reduces the peak water demand which reduces the water treatment equipment and pumps needed and keeps the cost of water down.
- To keep a lawn in good condition try the following:
  - Water between 5am and 8am; watering early in the day reduces evaporation and in our climate evening watering increases the chance of waterlogging which can cause disease.
  - Water for 30 minutes no more then twice a week. More watering leaves your lawn less able to resist drought because it encourages shallow roots. It also wastes water because the soil gets saturated and the water isn't absorbed but runs off.
  - Cut your lawn at least 2½ inches high and preferably 4 inches high. A longer lawn is less likely to dry out and will have deeper roots.
- Make sure your sprinkler system is watering your lawn and not your driveway or sidewalk.

## **Municipality of Learnington**

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#### Town of Lakeshore

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Union Water Supply System



# RESTRICTIONS

May 1st - Sept 30th

For Customers of the Union Water System which include Leamington, Kingsville, Essex and Lakeshore

## The Union Water Supply System-Joint Board of Management

Restrictions on

#### **LAWN AND GARDEN WATERING**

in the service area of the **Union Water Supply System** 

The Union Water Supply System is owned by the municipalities of Leamington, Kingsville, Essex and Lakeshore and supplies water to all of Kingsville, all of Leamington (except for an area near Wheatley), Essex and north of the 5th Concession Road and Lakeshore south of Highway 401 between Manning Road and Rochester Townline Road.

We are looking at ways of reducing the water demand during hot weather so that we can provide a proper level of service for all of our customers. Lawn watering uses up 30% of the water produced on a hot summers day. Because of this, the four municipalities served by the Union Water Supply System have passed a uniform by-law to regulate lawn watering with MUNICIPAL water. The main conditions of the by-law are:

- 1. Lawn or garden watering is only permitted on alternate days. Municipal addresses ending with 0, 2, 4, 6 and 8 can water on even calendar days and those ending with 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 can water on odd calendar days.
- 2. Lawn or garden watering is only allowed between 5am and 8am and between 6pm and midnight on permitted days.

- **3.** Residents with a newly seeded or sodded lawn can apply to their local municipality for a permit temporarily exempting them from the restrictions of the by-law.
- **4.** If the demands on water supply and distribution system become so severe that the level of service is threatened, a total band on outside water use will be declared.
- 5. Breaking any of these rules may result in a fine up to \$5,000.

These rules try to strike a balance between people's need to maintain their yards and the water systems need to maintain a proper level of water service. If our customers can abide by these simple rules we hope that we can avoid declaring a total ban on outside water use.

For more information please call your local municipality.

Mr. John Kehoe, P.Eng. Manager Union Water Supply System, Joint Board of Management



## APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM LAWN WATERING May1st - Sept 30th Please check your municipality: ☐ Essex ☐ Leamington ■ Kingsville □ Lakeshore Name of Applicant Address of Applicant Phone Number (R) **Email Address** Fax Lawn Seeded on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) Lawn Sodded on (date) Signature Date THIS APPLICATION MUST BE DELIVERED TO YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY. **AUTHORIZATION** (to be completed by municipal staff) I have reviewed the subject property and verify that it has recently been seeded or sodded. Comments: Signature Date