

Osoyoos Watering Regulations:

Following are the Town and Rural Water Districts 8 & 9 "Normal" watering stage guidelines, Effective May 2, 2016.

ODD HOUSE NUMBERS

House Numbers ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
Watering is allowed on Sunday, Wednesday, Friday.

EVEN HOUSE NUMBERS

House numbers ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8
Watering is allowed on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

Watering is not allowed on Mondays.

Manual Systems are permitted to operate from 6am - 10am & 7pm - 12 am

Automatic Systems are permitted to operate from 12am - 6 am.

Water Conservation & Staged Restrictions
Bylaw No. 1273

Osoyoos Water District Rates and Regulations
Bylaw No. 1241

Bylaw violations are subject to a \$100 fine.

Sod and Water Mister Permits are available at
Town Hall: 8707 Main Street.



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10 TIPS TO CONSERVE WATER OUTDOORS

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1. Let Grass Grow

Let grass grow to a height of 2 1/2 inches. Taller grass shades new growth and reduces evaporation.

2. Say No to Nitrogen

Using high-nitrogen fertilizers require a lot of water in order for them to work, and they only temporarily stimulate new growth.

3. Say Yes to Organics

In place of nitrogen, top-dressing lawns annually with compost or high-quality topsoil will increase nutrients in the soil and improve its water-holding capacity.

4. Use Grass Clippings

Grass clippings are a valuable organic source of nutrients, especially nitrogen, so leave them on the lawn after mowing.

5. Aerate

Lawns can become compacted over time. Aerating removes cores of soil and turf from the lawn, allowing water, nutrients and oxygen to penetrate the soil.

6. Avoid Evaporation

Water smaller areas: When a sprinkler is set to cover a large area, up to half the water could be lost to evaporation before it even hits the ground.

7. Mulch

Mulch acts as a protective cover around plants. It keeps soil cool and moist and discourages weed growth. Organic mulches such as straw, leaf, bark or wood chips work best. Avoid rocks as they retain heat, increasing the need for water.

8. Reduce Turf Areas

Replace water-thirsty grass with decking or mulched areas of drought-tolerant plants.

9. Plant Wisely

Group plants according to their watering needs. Consider plants that are indigenous to the area. They have adapted to local climate conditions and require little water to grow.

10. Use a Hose Timer

A hose timer connects to your outside tap and turns off your sprinklers automatically after a set amount of time.

IRRIGATION TIMERS



Automatic, underground sprinkler systems efficient only if they are scheduled properly. Follow these tips to ensure your automatic system is operating efficiently.

✓ Walk through the system zone by zone to ensure there are no leaks and that the water lands where it is supposed to.

✓ Adjust the timer based on the type of sprinkler. Fixed spray heads do not have to run as long as rotating heads.

✓ Replace the battery once a year. If the power goes out when the battery is dead, your timer could default to some odd settings.

✓ Adjust the settings for the specific micro climates in your yard. Cool, shady areas require less water than hot, sunny areas.

