

Monitor Consumption

Your **water bill** is based on the amount of water that flows through the meter on your property, even if that water is used as a result of an undetected leak. Fixing leaks and practicing water conservation can keep your bills low.

Undetected leaks are typically caused by dripping faucets/outdoor taps and, most often, leaky toilets.

Do you suspect you have a leak?

Monitor your consumption by checking your water meter. If the indicator is moving but water is not being used inside or outside your home, you may have a leak.

Did you know? One leaky toilet can waste 0.2 cubic metres of water every day. That can add up to \$10 a month!

To test a toilet for leaks, add a few drops of food colouring to the water in the tank. Let it sit overnight. If coloured water appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking and should be repaired. Check the flapper, water level and chain to ensure they are working properly. When making repairs to your toilet, consult your manual or contact a licensed plumber.

Water Conservation Tips

Be smart with your water use this summer and you will save money on your water bill, reduce your overall consumption and do your part to help protect the environment and Prince Edward County's resources.

When working in the yard or around the house, follow these easy tips:

In the Yard:

- Use a broom to clean your driveway instead of a hose.
- Use a pail of water to wash your car.
- Use rain barrels to water your lawn and garden.
- Increase water retention in soil by adding mulch to shrubs and gardens.
- Cut grass to a higher level (5-8 cm) to reduce evaporation.

Around the House:

- Monitor and repair leaky faucets, taps and toilets
- Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry
- Use water-efficient softening systems
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth, shaving or washing your face

Water Use Restrictions And Conservation

For Users of Peat's Point Municipal
Drinking Water System



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Please remember that water restrictions are in effect year round for all users of Peat's Point Municipal Drinking Water System.

This information is available in large print, upon request.

For latest updates from the Prince Edward County Water Department, check the comments box on your next water bill.

Year Round Water Restrictions

For Users of the Peat's Point Municipal Drinking Water System

Water Conservation

Water use can increase by 50% or more at drinking water treatment facilities during summer months as a result of increased water usage for outdoor purposes (e.g. pools, gardens, etc.).

Significant increases in water use can result in:

- Lower water pressures in the County's distribution system
- Reduced available water storage
- Additional stress on facility operations
- Increased system impacts
- Low water levels in surrounding water bodies and groundwater

To limit the impacts of increased water usage, the County of Prince Edward regulates the use of drinking water for outside purposes through the Water Conservation By-law 3828-2016.

Non-compliance with By-law 3828-2016 can result in fines of no less than \$500 and no more than \$10,000 for each day or part of day on which the offence occurs.

Additional water restrictions may be imposed in your community as weather conditions change (eg: limited rain fall, prolonged drought). Please follow the most recent notifications.

Water Use Restrictions

Restrictions apply to all properties that are serviced by the Peat's Point Drinking Water System, effective immediately until further notice.

For the purposes of By-law 3828-2016, the use of water for **outside purposes** includes, but is not limited to: watering or sprinkling of any lawn, garden, tree, shrub or other outdoor plant, vegetation or washing of any vehicle, driveway or building and any other use that results in drinking water being used outdoors.

REMINDER! Using municipal drinking water to fill or top up swimming pools is not permitted at any time while restrictions are in place.

While restrictions are in place, water may be used for outside purposes only during permitted alternating dates and times. For customers with:

- **Odd civic address** numbers (1, 3, 5), outdoor water use is permitted on **odd numbered calendar days** between 6am to 9am, and 6pm to 9pm.
- **Even civic address** numbers (2, 4, 6), outdoor water use is permitted on **even numbered calendar days** between 6am to 9am, and 6pm to 9pm.

Exemptions

Outdoor water use may take place under the following special circumstances:

- Newly planted replacement sod, trees, ornamental shrubs and newer gardens while they are being installed and 24 hours after installation is complete;
- Lawns being treated with any pesticide, herbicide spray or fertilizer that requires water while being treated and during the next following 24 hours after the application;
- Newly laid sod on any property for a period of two weeks after the sod is first laid;
- Mixing of building materials, provided that the quantity and matter is reasonable;
- For municipal operational purposes;
- Agriculture production and livestock watering purposes.

More Information

For additional information on water conservation and restrictions, contact Prince Edward County Customer Service: 613.476.2148 x 1023 or info@pecounty.on.ca

For billing inquiries, contact the County's Finance Department: 613.476.2148 or <http://thecounty.ca/county-government/departments/customer-service/>