

Washing cars, walls and windows

Washing motor vehicles is permitted at any time as long as it is done using a spray wand or spray gun with an automatic shut-off device. Washing dwellings of six units or less is allowed once a year, before May 31st. After that date, a permit is required. For dwellings of more than six units and commercial, industrial and institutional buildings, washing is only allowed if it is not done with the City's drinking water.

Excessive water usage or waste

Using City drinking water for the following is strictly forbidden:

- melting snow
- providing a continuous supply of water to a decorative water feature unless it is equipped with a closed-circuit water recirculation system
- washing driveways, parking areas or patios
- watering the lawn or other vegetation when it is raining or the soil is already damp
- watering during a watering ban
- letting water run or drip
- washing a building more than twice a year, unless if it is to remove graffiti or tags.

For excessive water usage or waste, the fine for a first offence is **\$250** for an individual and **\$500** for a business. Fines are doubled for repeat offences.



Fines and prohibitions

Any person who contravenes by-law 1623 is liable to a fine ranging from **\$150** to **\$2,000** for an individual and from **\$300** to **\$4,000** for a business.

Water: a valuable resource

Quebecers are among the biggest users of water in the world, with per-capita consumption of around 400 litres a day.

Experts estimate that we waste half the water that we use.

Excessive residential water consumption in Vaudreuil-Dorion may result in additional operating costs of up to \$750,000 a year.

Lawn watering may account for as much as 50% of municipal residential drinking water consumption.

Outdoor water use



By-law 1623



Watering bans

Under the by-law, the outdoor use of City drinking water may be partially or totally prohibited in some situations.

* The information provided in this pamphlet does not replace the official by-law adopted by the municipal council.

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The bylaw is in effect year-round and applies to all properties served by the City's water distribution network.

WATERING OF EXISTING OR NEW VEGETATION, PERMIT NOT REQUIRED

	EVEN ADDRESSES		ODD ADDRESSES	
	Lawns	Landscaping ¹	Lawns	Landscaping ¹
Manual Watering	Monday and Thursday 8 pm – 10 pm	Allowed at any time	Tuesday and Friday 8 pm – 10 pm	Allowed at any time
Mechanical Watering	Monday and Thursday 8 pm – 10 pm		Tuesday and Friday 8 pm – 10 pm	
Automatic Watering Systems	Monday and Thursday 2 am – 4 am		Tuesday and Friday 2 am – 4 am	

WATERING OF NEW VEGETATION, PERMIT REQUIRED

	LAWNS		LANDSCAPING ¹
	Seeding and Hydroseeding	Sod	
Manual Watering	7 pm – 9 pm 5 am – 6 am	8 pm – 11 pm	Allowed at any time
Mechanical Watering	17 pm – 9 pm 5 am – 6 am	8 pm – 11 pm	8 pm – 11 pm
Automatic Watering Systems	7 pm – 9 pm 5 am – 6 am	2 am – 5 am	2 am – 5 am
Permit Valid for	21 days	14 days	14 days

¹ i.e., vegetation other than lawns

No permits are issued between July 1 and August 31.

For lawns smaller than 1,400 m², only one hose can be used at a time (two hoses can be used for larger lawns).

Parallel water supply systems

Residences that use raw (untreated) water for outdoor watering and are served by the municipal water distribution network must be registered with the City and display the sign provided by the Environment Division.

Construction sites

Cleaning vehicles, equipment, streets or access roads with City drinking water is prohibited. Other restrictions also apply to construction sites.

Hot tubs

The complete or partial filling of hot tubs is allowed at any time, except during authorized watering hours. A permit is not required.

Pools

When you are opening a pool at the beginning of the season, the pool water must be treated rather than draining the pool completely and filling it with fresh drinking water. Installing or repairing a pool requires a permit.

Filling a pool to maintain the water level is permitted at any time except during authorized watering hours. A permit is not required.

Backwashing should not exceed five minutes.

**Permit
required**

A permit is required for the watering of new plantings, emptying or repairing a pool, watering after nematode applications, washing to apply a protective coating, washing certain buildings and for car wash-a-thons (car wash fundraisers).

Permits are issued free of charge. However, once a permit has been issued, a \$20 fee will be charged if the date needs to be changed.