



Vaudreuil-Dorion

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## Drinking water: the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion prohibits the watering of lawns

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, June 17, 2020** – Record drinking water consumption last night, combined with the scorching heat expected over the next few days, is forcing the municipal council to issue a ban on watering existing lawns, effective today. This prohibition does not apply to watering authorized by a permit issued no later than June 17, however, it will no longer be possible to obtain a watering permit for the new vegetation.

Data collected at the filtration plant showed record drinking water use in the evening yesterday, a situation that occurred a few weeks ago on hot days. "Our plant has the capacity to treat water for our citizens. The problem is that yesterday's figures were comparable to the water consumption of a city of 120,000 people when there are only 40,000 of us. We must stop wasting this resource", said Mayor Guy Pilon. A lawn that lacks water goes into dormancy, i.e. it stops growing. When the rainy weather returns, it will turn green again.

Like many other cities in Quebec, Vaudreuil-Dorion prohibits the watering of the lawn under By-law No. 1623 on the outdoor use of drinking water. Inspectors will be present on the territory to enforce this prohibition and will have the authority to issue notices and statements of offence to offenders.

The watering of flowers, vegetable gardens and shrubs with a hand-held, self-closing spray gun, exterior washing (cars, exterior walls, windows) as well as the adjustment of water levels in swimming pools and spas remain authorized.

This prohibition applies to all buildings served by the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's water supply system, including those located on the territories of the municipalities of Vaudreuil-sur-le-Lac, L'Île-Cadieux and Saint-Lazare.