



Save a drop. Save a lot.

SaskWater is the leader in providing water and wastewater services in Saskatchewan. Along with our commitment to providing quality products, we are equally committed to promoting water conservation.

The average Canadian uses 329 litres of water a day. In the summer months, water consumption doubles with 50% of treated water used to water lawns.

This summer, *Save a drop. Save a lot.* with these simple water conservation tips:

- Save 10-35 litres of water per minute by watering your lawn one hour or less, twice a week.
- For best results, avoid watering during the hottest time of the day or when it's rainy or windy.
- Use sprinklers that throw big drops of water close to the ground. Smaller drops of water and mist often evaporate before reaching your lawn.
- When mowing, cut the top 1/3 of the grass and leave clippings behind. They are a natural fertilizer and help the soil retain moisture.
- Aerate, compost and weed your lawn to increase moisture retention.
- Collect water in a rain barrel and use it to water outdoor plants.
- Instead of washing your car with a running hose, use a bucket and sponge, then rinse using a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk.



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Try Xeriscaping

Xeriscaping is the conservation of water through creative landscaping.

Seven Principles of Xeriscaping:

Planning and Design – Start with a plan by creating planting zones based on your garden’s topography, exposure and soil.

Choose Appropriate Plant Material – Selecting plants that thrive in your area during low water conditions will give you the best results.

Soil Improvement – Incorporate generous amounts of organic matter. This will improve water penetration and retention in any type of soil.

Mulch – Allow existing leaves and debris to coat and decay into the soil, or bring in more aesthetically pleasing mulch, such as shredded bark and compost. Mulch moderates soil temperature, holds moisture, slows erosion and suppresses weeds that compete for food and water.

Practical and Appropriate Turf Areas – Where to place the lawn should be part of your initial design plan. If you are using grass as a ground cover, there are other options that would be less labour and water intensive.

Efficient Watering – Not all plants need the same amount of water. If you’ve followed the steps above, you have your plants grouped by their water needs, including your lawn, allowing you to water only where needed.

Appropriate Maintenance – A xeriscape garden requires some maintenance. Watering, weeding, pruning, deadheading and sensible pest management will all factor into the quality of your garden.

Plants that thrive in Saskatchewan:

Asters, Pansy, Purple Coneflower, Cosmos, Columbine, Iris, Sedums, Statice, Marigold, Phlox, Vinca, Zinnias, Hosta, Juniper and Ornamental grasses.



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