Oxford County

Growing stronger together

Water conservation program

Beachville, Bright, Brownsville, Dereham Centre, Drumbo, Princeton, Embro, Hickson, Ingersoll, Innerkip, Lakeside, Mount Elgin, Norwich, Otterville, Springford, Sweaburg, Plattsville, Tavistock, Thamesford, Tillsonburg, and Woodstock.

May 1 - September 30, 2026

Oxford County relies entirely on groundwater for its water supply. Compared to other communities near rivers or lakes, groundwater supplies take much longer to replenish and are more vulnerable to overuse. Oxford County takes water conservation seriously.

Oxford County **By-law No. 4193-2002** permits outdoor water use (by hose or attachment) every other day to ensure an adequate water supply for all residents.

even
(0,2,4,6,8)

Even numbered addresses
water on even numbered calendar days.

Residential:	6-9 a.m. & 6-9 p.m.
Commercial:	8-10 a.m. & 3-5 p.m.

odd
(1,3,5,7,9)

Odd numbered addresses
water on odd numbered calendar days.

Residential:	6-9 a.m. & 6-9 p.m.
Commercial:	8-10 a.m. & 3-5 p.m.

Note: further restrictions may occur with excessive water use or when dry conditions cause water shortages.

For more details, including penalties for non-compliance, visit:
www.oxfordcounty.ca/waterconservation

519-539-9800 | 1-866-537-7778

EXEMPTION PERMITS FOR OUTDOOR WATER USE

Residents, businesses and organizations can apply for exemption permits that allow for outdoor water use beyond the designated hours. Oxford County offers exemptions for:

- **Automatic sprinkler systems**
- **New sod, seed, trees or outside projects**
- **Non-profit fundraising**
- **Filling a swimming pool**
- **Special considerations**

For more information, including details on how to apply, visit **www.oxfordcounty.ca/waterconservation**.
In Woodstock, visit **www.cityofwoodstock.ca**
In Tillsonburg, visit **www.tillsonburg.ca**

SMART WATERING TIPS

- **Overwatering your lawn can be harmful**
  A thorough watering once a week will prevent excessive moisture and encourage deep, healthy roots and a more resilient lawn.
- **Avoid the midday sun and wind**
  Watering early is best for your lawn and gardens and will limit evaporation.
- **Cover up**
  A layer of mulch helps keep moisture in your garden soil and around tree roots.
- **Rain is free**
  Use a rain barrel to collect rainwater for your gardens (ensure it has a screen to prevent mosquitoes from breeding). You can purchase a rain barrel from Oxford County by calling 519-539-9800 or toll-free at 1-866-537-7778.