BEYOND THE BY-LAW

Keep grass green during water conservation months:

- Fertilize naturally by leaving your grass clippings on your lawn.
- A well fertilized lawn is a strong lawn.
- Raise your lawn mower so that it cuts grass at a height of 2.5 inches to 3 inches to lengthen and shade roots and conserve moisture.
- Aerate your lawn in the spring and fall to loosen soil and reduce runoff. After aeration, top-dress with compost to further keep soil loose and hold moisture near the roots.
- Deep and infrequent irrigation encourages grassroots to grow deeper into the soil, making the plants more drought tolerant. Shallow and frequent watering leads to shallow-rooted plants with less drought tolerance.
- Re-seed your lawn with drought-tolerant turf grasses such as perennial ryes and fescues.
The Water Conservation By-law limits lawn and garden watering during June, July and August every year. Residents have the option to register for overnight watering in lieu of day times and some additional exemptions.

**OVERNIGHT WATERING OPTION:**
Overnight watering is available by calling and registering with the City of Brantford. Residents choosing this option must comply with the even/odd day watering rule and watering must be done between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Residents who registered for overnight watering in any given year are not required to register the following year. To register, or remove your address from the registry, please call 519-759-4150.

**SUMMER WATERING RESTRICTIONS:**
Watering times are restricted to 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the months of June, July and August.

Properties with odd numbered addresses are allowed to water on odd numbered calendar days. Properties with even numbered addresses are allowed to water on even numbered calendar days.

Excessive puddling, runoff or overspray of irrigation water to paved surfaces, and excessive washing of driveways is prohibited as it is considered wasting of water.

**Watering exemptions:**
- Use of hand-held watering vessels, anywhere, anytime.
- Use of hoses for watering of potted plants.
- 30-day exemption for newly seeded/sodded lawns and planted gardens effective from the date of planting. It is advised that residents keep applicable receipts during the exemption period.
- 24-hour exemption following the application of fertilizer, herbicide or pesticide.
- Use of water for recreation (sprinkler pads and swimming pools).
- Washing vehicles in a residential zone is allowed at any time provided the hose is equipped with shut-off spray nozzle or a bucket of water is used with a sponge/rag.