

Town of Grand Falls-Windsor

Water Conservation Regulations

Pursuant to the power conferred by section 414 of the Municipalities Act, Chapter M-24SN 1999, the Town Council of Grand Falls-Windsor has made the following Regulations.

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Water Conservation Regulations.
2. Interpretation:
 - (a) "Act" means the Municipalities Act, Chapter M-24, SN 1999 and subsequent amendments.
 - (b) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor.
 - (c) "Commercial Car Washes" means car washes as approved by the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor for the purpose of washing vehicles.
 - (d) "Free Flowing Car Washes" means car washes which utilize the unrestricted flow of water.
 - (e) "Residential Zones" means residential zones as designated under the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Plan and its Development Regulations.
 - (f) "The Exploits Regional Services Board" is a voluntary Committee overseeing the provision of treated water and waste disposal services to its member municipalities.
 - (g) "Water" means water as supplied through the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor piped water system for the use of residential, commercial establishment and such other use as may be approved by the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor.

3. Water Conservation Regulations

The following Regulations shall apply:

- (a) For the purpose of water conservation and/or in support of efforts by the Exploits Regional Services Board and the municipalities served by this system, the Town will restrict the watering of lawns and gardens.

- (i) No person shall water lawns or garden from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m.
 - (ii) No person shall water lawns or garden while it is raining.
 - (iii) Civic addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 shall not water lawns or gardens on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
 - (iv) Civic addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6 and 8 shall not water lawns or gardens on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
- (b) New lawns, landscaping or major lawn repairs will be exempt from the lawn watering restrictions for a period of sixty (60) days following the installation and plantation of the new lawn and landscaping, but only within the hours specified in Section 3(a).
- (c) Hand watering of trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetable gardens with a water can or hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle will be permitted at any time.
- (d) Th domestic washing of cars within residential zones or on residential lots will be permitted with the use of a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- (e) Car washes for fundraising that have been approved and a permit obtained from the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Engineering Department will be permitted subject to the use of an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- (f) Siding and window washing will be permitted subject to the use of an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- (g) Free flowing car washes, whether or not for the purposes of fundraising are not permitted.
- (h) The cleaning of parking lots utilizing water is prohibited, however, the use of commercial sweeping equipment on commercial parking lots is permitted.

4. Exemption

Commercial car washes and commercial high pressure water uses are exempt from these Regulations.

5. Enforcement

A member of the RCMP, a Grand Falls-Windsor Municipal Enforcement Officer (MEO), a Grand Falls-Windsor Inspector, or any person designated by Council may enforce these Regulations.

6. Orders

When in the opinion of a member of the RCMP, a Grand Falls-Windsor MEO, a Grand Falls-Windsor Inspector or any other person designated by Council to enforce these Regulations, an individual is in contravention of these Regulations, he or she will be issued an Order in a form approved for such use by the Town,

to comply with these Regulations and refrain from any unauthorized use of water as specified in the Regulations.

7. Failure to Comply

Every person on whom an Order has been served, as authorized under Section 5 of these Regulations, and who refuses or fails to comply with the Order may have their water turned off by an official of the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor. In addition, other penalties as provided under these Regulations may also be imposed.

8. Penalties

Every person on whom an Order has been served, as authorized under Section 5 of these Regulations, and who refuses or fails to comply with the Order is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) on the first offence, and to a fine or not less than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) on a second or subsequent offence.

9. Effective Date of Regulations

These Regulations were adopted by a Motion of Council at the regular Public Meeting of Council held on May 10th, 2005 and will come into effect as of July 1st, 2005.

Michael Pinsent
Town Manager/Clerk

Approved by Council at a meeting
Of Council on May 10th, 2005