QUEBEC DRINKING WATER SAVINGS ACTION PLAN

Drinking Water: Water Use and Regulations



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On September 2, 2014, council adopted a by-law on the use of drinking water. This by-law came into force on September 8, 2014

Quebec drinking water Savings Action Plan

Following article 49 of the National Water Policy and under the responsibility of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy, a report regarding the measures to implement as part of a Quebec drinking water Savings Action Plan was created in 2005.

The province of Quebec has 3% of renewable freshwater on the planet and it covers about 10% of the territory. Quebec is one of the largest consumers of water worldwide. In fact, in 2006, the drinking water production in Québec was 35% higher than the Canadian average and 62% higher than Ontario.

The Action Plan has two objectives to meet by 2017:

- To reduce the average production of water per person by 20%
- To reduce the leakage rate for all water distribution systems by 20%

(Source: MAMOT)

BY-LAW 103-14 AT A GLANCE...

Watering lawns

- Watering lawns and gardens manually (a hose held by a person) is permitted every day and at anytime.
- Watering lawns by automatic watering systems is permitted from 3am to 6am, Tuesdays and Thursdays only.
- Watering lawns mechanically (portable sprinklers or porous hoses) is permitted between 8pm and 11pm only. The following schedule applies for mechanical watering on properties:

Even street numbers:

On days when the date is an even number

Odd street numbers:

On days when the date is an uneven number

Pools and Spas

 Filling a pool or spa is permitted from 8pm to 11pm

Vehicles, driveways, patios or exterior walls of a building

- Washing vehicles is permitted at all times on condition that a bucket or a hose fitted with an automatic shut-off device is used.
- The washing of driveways, patios and buildings is permitted from April 1 to May 15 each year only.
- It is strictly prohibited, at all times, to use drinking water to melt snow or ice on driveways, grounds or patios.

Water Features

Any water feature must be equipped with an activated release system. A continuous stream of drinking water to feed the feature is prohibited.

Surface drainage

 It is prohibited for anyone to deliberately use a watering device in such a way that the water runs into the street or onto neighboring properties.

A complete copy of the by-law is available to view at the municipal office from Tuesday to Friday from 8:30 am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm.