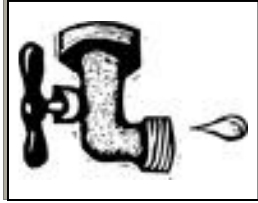


These pictures illustrate how much water is wasted from dripping or running taps. If you have leaks, have them repaired at once. Your water meter measures all water used, even steady drips, and you will be charged for the amount of water you use.



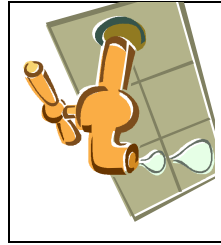
A 1mm stream\* wastes 100 litres of water in 24 hours, or 3,000 litres in one month. That's 750 gallons and \$6.25 per month.

## DRIP



A 1.5 mm stream wastes 400 litres in 24 hours, or 12,000 litres in one month. That's 3000 gallons and \$25.00 per month.

## DRIBBLE



A 3 mm stream wastes 1,600 litres in 24 hours, or 48,000 litres in one month. That's 12,000 gallons and \$100 per month.

## DROOL

\*approximate width of tip of a ball point pen

## Did you know ...

The average family of four in Canada consumes 36 Cubic Metres (7,900 gallons) of water per month. Use your meter to find out how much you consume. Knowing how to read your meter allows you to monitor your water consumption and detect leaks in your plumbing.

## Reading Your Meter

Your water meter reads in either cubic metres or gallons.  $1 \text{ M}^3 = 220.1$  gallons.

## Monitoring Water Use

Write down your meter reading at a set time of the day. Write another reading the same time the next day. The difference is your water consumption for the 24 hour period.

## Leak Detection:

Turn off all water fixtures in your house, including humidifiers, air conditioners, and ice makers. Then watch the flow indicator on your water meter. If the red triangle is moving, you have a leak.

The City of Selkirk encourages the conservation of water by all customers. Reducing water usage will help lower your bill and is beneficial to the environment. Here are some of the many things that you can do to conserve water:

## In the bathroom:

- Do not use the toilet as a wastebasket. Each time you flush, up to 7 gallons are used.
- Place an item such as a plastic bottle filled with sand inside your toilet tank. This displaces water and can save gallons every day.
- Insulate pipes to get hot water faster, so less water is wasted.
- Install water saving shower heads or flow restrictions. Install faucet aerators, which will reduce water by mixing water and air.
- Taking baths uses less water than showers. Don't fill the tub more than necessary, and remember to stop the drain before running the water.
- Do not let the faucet run while shaving or brushing your teeth.

## In the kitchen:

- When hand washing dishes, rather than spraying or running the tap to rinse, use a pan of hot water which can later be used for plants or other cleaning projects.
- To clean vegetables, use the sink or a bowl of water. Scrub with a vegetable brush and turn on the water for a quick rinse.
- Use steamers or cover food in a pan with a minimal amount of water.
- Use a tight lid to conserve moisture.
- Thaw frozen foods in advance in the fridge to eliminate thawing under warm water.

- Keep a container of water in the fridge rather than letting water run to get a cold drink.

**Outside:**

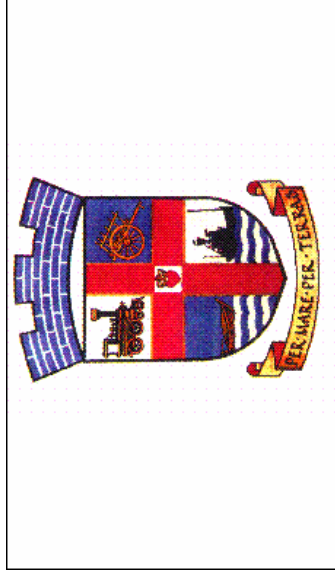
- Water your lawn only when needed. If the grass springs back up after stepping on it, it doesn't need watering. Water during the cool parts of the day. Deep-soak your lawn so that the water soaks down to the roots. A light sprinkling will only evaporate and cause shallow root systems which will require more and more watering. (Avoid mist-head sprinklers as they allow too much water to evaporate.)
- Keep grass 1 ½" to 2" long to develop deeper roots which will require less watering.
- Sweep driveways, patios and walks with a broom rather than hosing them down.
- Use a swimming pool cover to reduce evaporation. Pool covers decrease evaporation by 90% Approximately 1000 gallons of water evaporates from an uncovered pool each month.

**General:**

- Always check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings.
- Buckets placed under down spouts can collect rain water for plants or cleaning projects.
- Use water from dehumidifiers for plants.

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## Water Conservation



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