



Municipality of Thames Centre LAWN & SOD WATERING NOTICE

Homeowners frequently face the task of maintaining their lawns or laying down fresh sod. Grass requires only 2-3 cm of water per week to endure the summer months. The Municipality of Thames Centre wishes to highlight a few matters concerning the local water system for your attention.

Lawn Watering Restrictions

Bylaw #44-2003 requires that lawn watering is done, at most, every second day. This regulation is enforced by restricting watering to Odd or Even calendar days, corresponding to your house address being either an Odd or Even number. This measure effectively reduces peak water flow demands on the system, ensuring continuous supply for community needs. Non-compliance with this bylaw may result in a substantial fine.

Water & Wastewater Sewer Billing

Water and Wastewater Sewer rates are billed for each home based on the amount of water consumed. The wastewater sewer charges are based on a surcharge applied on the amount of water used. This means that you pay for an equal amount of sewer usage as the water consumed, regardless if it is used for lawn watering and not flowing "down the drain" into the wastewater sewer system. Water usage for new sod watering can result in large water and wastewater sewer billings. The billings are also based on a two month cycle, and the impact of this large cost can be doubled if you are accustomed to a monthly billing cycle.

Wastewater Sewer Charges Cap (July & August)

The wastewater sewer charges have a cap on the amount that is charged during the months of July and August. The cap reflects a maximum wastewater sewer flow of 50 cubic meters for the two-month summer period. This means that if you use more water than the cap amount, you will not be billed the sewer surcharge for usage above this level. You will however still be charged for all water used on the Water portion of your bill.

Excessive cost for lawn watering is a cost we hope you can avoid.