



Water Conservation By-Law

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 8 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act, (SNL 2023 T-6.2), the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor has made the following Water Conservation By-Law.

1. This By-Law may be cited as the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor Water Conservation By-Law.
2. Interpretation:
 - (a) “Act” means the Towns and Local Service Districts Act (SNL 2023 T-6.2).
 - (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 Water Supply Committee” is a voluntary Committee overseeing the provision of treated water 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**
 - (a) For the purpose of water conservation and/or in support of efforts by the Exploits Regional Water Supply Committee 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.

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- (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) The 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 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.
- (i) CAO may limit or stop all outside water uses and car washes in circumstances where additional conservation measures are required and with 24 hours' notice to the public.

4. **Exemption**

Commercial car washes and commercial high pressure water uses are exempt from this By-Law.

5. **Enforcement**

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

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6. **Offence**

- (1) A person who contravenes a provision of these By-Laws or who neglects or refuses to comply with a provision of these By-Laws commits an offence contrary to section 289(1)(f) of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.
- (2) Each day upon which the same offence is committed or continued is a separate offence in accordance with section 289(3) of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.
- (3) Every person who commits an offence under these By-Laws may:
 - (a) be subject to an Order pursuant to section 285(1) of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act;
 - (b) be issued a Violation Notice pursuant to section 287 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act; or
 - (c) where the Town Council has not issued a violation notice, or where a violation notice has been issued but not complied with, be charged by way of summons, including a summons issued by means of a ticket under the Provincial Offences Act, pursuant to section 288 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.

7. **Violation Notice**

- (1) Where a person contravenes a provision of these By-Laws, the Town Council may issue a Violation Notice in accordance with section 287 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act.
- (2) Where the Council issues a Violation Notice to a person in respect of a contravention of these By-Laws, that person may make a voluntary out of court payment to the Council.
- (3) Where the person makes a voluntary payment to the Council under 7(2) the amount of the voluntary payment shall be:
 - i. \$50.00 if the person makes a voluntary payment to the Council no later than seven (7) days from the date of issuance of a Violation Notice; or
 - ii. \$75.00 if the person makes the voluntary payment after the expiration of the time period in subsection (i), but not later than (14) days from the date of issuance of the Violation Notice.

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- (4) Where the person makes a voluntary payment to the Council under 7(2), no further action will be taken by the Council in respect to the contravention.
- (5) Where the Council issues a Violation Notice to a person, and that person fails to make a voluntary payment pursuant to section 7(2), the Council shall issue a summons with respect to the contravention noted in the Violation Notice.
- (6) The Council may charge the person referred to in 7(5) by way of summons, including a summons that is issued by means of a ticket under the *Provincial Offences Act*, pursuant to section 288 of the Towns and Local Service District Act.
- (7) Where a person has received a Violation Notice is convicted of an offence with respect to the same subject matter for which the Violation Notice was issued, the penalty for that offence shall be \$100.

8. Penalty

Pursuant to Section 290 of the Act, any person who violates any provision of these By-Laws shall be guilty of an offence and be liable on summary conviction;

- a) for a first offence to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than one month or to both the fine and imprisonment;
- b) for a subsequent offence to a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$2,000 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than 3 months or to both the fine and imprisonment.

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