



Reliable access to safe water is critical to the long-term viability of a community. Drinking water for CRSWSC member communities comes from the North Saskatchewan River, via EPCOR. Although an uninterrupted supply of clean, drinking water is almost always achieved in our region, various levels of restrictions can be placed on a community, usually during hot, dry weather conditions.

Water conservation measures are encouraged in municipalities year round to help mitigate future risks posed by population growth and climate change. Further, water and sewer infrastructure present significant capital and operational expenses and it is important to use this infrastructure efficiently.

TIPS TO SAVE WATER AROUND YOUR BUSINESS



Install low-flow taps, showerheads and toilets. For restaurants, replace older pre-rinse spray valves. Look for water efficient equipment specific to your business.



Green landscaping: Consider planting native trees and shrubs with a rock garden to avoid the need for watering.



Remind employees to be conscientious of water use. For larger businesses, get a professional water audit, which can identify actions to save money.

Typical of most communities, the residential sector consumes most (approximately 60%) of all water purchased.



Consider a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you at least 3000 liters a month.



Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models. You could save over 300 litres per day per household.



Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full.

When shopping for a new washing machine, compare resource savings among Energy Star models. Some of these can save at least 75 litres per load, and energy too.



Consider upgrading faucets, refrigerators, air conditioners and ice-makers with water-saving aerators and cooling systems.

Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. The CRSWSC provides good, clean water for drinking; let's make the most of it!



In the summer, watering lawns is also a significant water use and can increase daily amounts by up to 50%. Follow your municipality's lawn watering directions. Many have a voluntary alternate day program where residents of odd-numbered houses should water on odd calendar days, and residents with even numbers should water on even calendar days.

Three centimetres of watering per week is adequate for established lawns. Use a rain gauge, empty tuna can, or upside down Frisbee, to measure rainfall on your lawn.

The Capital Region Southwest Water Services Commission (CRSWSC) was established on Sept. 1, 1984 and today is a regional co-operation providing clean, safe drinking water to the City of Leduc, Leduc County, City of Beaumont, the Edmonton International Airport (EIA), the Town of Calmar, the Village of Hay Lakes, Camrose County and the Town of Millet.