

# Expanded Water Conservation

## April 1 - October 31 Annually

“When it comes to water, we are all in it together. Alberta’s government is working closely with communities, water users and all our partners, to take strong action to prepare for drought. This includes effective and collaborative steps to help conserve and manage water now and be prepared for future water shortages.” - Government of Alberta\*

**Our Response:** The Town of Sylvan Lake received a letter\* from the Government of Alberta requesting action. In response, the Town added:

- » Two months to the annual mandatory water conservation
- » Two hours in the morning everyday

### Mandatory Water Conservation Rules

- » **All homes at anytime:** Turn off your water if it is running into the street or sewer system. Watering further only wastes money and water
- » **ALL homes:** watering ban everyday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- » **Odd numbered homes:** water on odd numbered days (lawn, garden, or yard)
- » **Even numbered homes:** water on even numbered days (lawn, garden, or yard)



More details here:  
**[sylvanlake.ca/savewater](http://sylvanlake.ca/savewater)**  
Free internet access at the Library

\*[www.alberta.ca/drought-what-government-is-doing](http://www.alberta.ca/drought-what-government-is-doing)

  
**Sylvan Lake**

# Why save water?

## Wasting water increases costs for everyone's utility bill, not just the person wasting water

- It costs a lot of money to obtain, treat, and deliver our water.
- The more water we must treat each year, the more it costs to treat
- Saving water means lower costs. Since the cost of everything is increasing, every little bit helps to keep bills down
- It's also a good idea to conserve water because we don't know how full our wells will be
- Our water comes from wells fed by mountain runoff from snow, rain, sleet and hail
- Since we don't control precipitation, we have no control over how much water ends up in our wells



## YOU are the U in Utility and Sustainability

Since the town can't grow more water, it is up to you to use water carefully.

### Water is a limited resource

- Water is limited, even though it seems unlimited because our taps never stop flowing
- Many communities in Alberta are facing real water shortages
- We can't make more water, but our population is growing quickly

### How do we make sure that we have enough water for years to come? By not wasting water!

- Find and fix water leaks
- Conserve water. Get tips here: [sylvanlake.ca/conservewater](http://sylvanlake.ca/conservewater)
- Follow water conservation April 1 - Oct 31

## Sustainable water supply

Sustainability is often defined as: "development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs" (The Brundtland Report, 1987).

Together, let's make sure future Lakers have the same opportunity to enjoy this great community as we do today. That means working to protect and conserve our water supply for future generations.

### For more information about your water:

- » Utility brochure: [sylvanlake.ca/yourutility](http://sylvanlake.ca/yourutility)
- » Water information: [sylvanlake.ca/drinkingwater](http://sylvanlake.ca/drinkingwater)

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