



**Town of Cornwall  
Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
5. Approval of Minutes
  - 5.1 March 9, 2026
6. Business Arising
  - 6.1 2026 Dandelion Festival - Planning
  - 6.2 Water School Update – Debrief
  - 6.3 2026 Water Audit – Update
  - 6.4 Residential Water Efficiency Rebate Program – Draft for Discussion/Consideration
  - 6.5 Property Maintenance Bylaw – Draft for Discussion/Consideration
  - 6.6 Forest Management Plan – Update
7. New Business
  - 7.1 Water and Sewer Bill Inserts – 2026 – For Information
8. Cornwall and Area Watershed Group Update
9. Correspondence
10. Adjournment

**Town of Cornwall  
Environment and Sustainability Committee Meeting  
Monday, March 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM**

Chair: Councillor Judy Herlihy

Committee Members Present: Councillor Cory Stevenson (via telephone)  
Mayor Minerva McCourt

Staff Members Present: Geoff Baker – Manager of Engineering and Capital Projects

Also Present: Jeannie Campbell, Resident Member; Veronica Jendrick,  
Watershed Coordinator; Brennan McDuffee, Resident

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Jill MacIsaac

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair, Councillor Herlihy.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

The Chair read the land acknowledgement; that the land we gather on is the ancestral land of the Mi'kmaq and we respect the Mi'kmaq as the Indigenous People of Prince Edward Island.

**3. Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda**

*Moved by Councillor Stevenson and seconded by Mayor McCourt that the agenda be approved as circulated.*

**4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - Nil**

**5. Approval of Minutes**

*Moved by Councillor Stevenson and seconded by Mayor McCourt that the Environment and Sustainability Committee minutes of February 9, 2026, be approved as circulated.*

Mayor McCourt commented that she was pleased to see that Council approved the extension of the angling season at Hyde Pond.

**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

**6.1 2026 Dandelion Festival Planning**

The festival is scheduled for May 23, 2026, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Activities planned for the

festival include face painting, a seed giveaway, dandelion crown making, an art table and community art installation, dandelion themed snacks/drinks and a barbecue, a raffle table and live music. Councillor Herlihy will check with a local yoga studio to determine if there is an interest in running a 'Yoga in the Dandelions' program during the festival. Mayor McCourt will contact the library to determine if they have any interest in participating in the festival again in 2026.

## **6.2 Water School**

The Committee received a written update from Billy Ramsay, Infrastructure Supervisor on the annual Water School. Water School field trips are scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. CAWG will coordinate with Billy on planning around the event.

## **6.3 2026 Water Audits**

Taleah will be returning in 2026 to continue the water audit program. Staff will create a mail out/flyer to be sent with the water and sewer bills so residents are aware of the audit program and any associated rebate programs. Wages for audit program staff have been allocated to the 2026 water expenses and will be budgeted accordingly moving forward.

## **6.4 Proposed Changes to Committee Responsibilities**

A discussion was held around transferring committee governance responsibility from the Environment and Sustainability Committee to the Utility Committee as it relates to the water school, water audit program and proposed water related rebate programs. It was decided to leave the current governance responsibility intact and that both committees continue to work together as it relates to these programs.

## **6.5 Property Maintenance Bylaw**

Staff have completed research on Property Maintenance Bylaws from other jurisdictions, provincial legislation, provincial templates, and best practices on property maintenance and dangerous and unsightly properties. Staff expect to present a draft (or partial draft) of a new bylaw to the Committee at their April meeting.

## **6.6 Forest Management Plan**

The Committee is still waiting to hear from the Province on the application to the Climate Challenge Fund.

# **7. New Business**

## **7.1 2026/27 Low Flow Fixture Rebate**

The Committee discussed and considered the development of a low flow fixture rebate 'pilot' program for 2026/27, based on a recommendation from the Town's Infrastructure Supervisor. \$3,000 has been included in the Town's proposed Water Conservation Budget for 2026/27.

Staff were directed to create a program that can be presented at the April Committee meeting. It was decided that rebates would be conditional on the completion of a water audit, and offered for low flow toilets, showerhead replacement, faucet aerator replacement, and actions taken as a direct result of water audit recommendations.

## **7.2 Environment Related Initiatives Proposed Budget 2026/27**

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for 2026/27 related to environmental initiatives.

### **8. Correspondence – Nil**

### **9. Adjournment**

#### **9.1 The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM**

The next meeting time is Monday, April 13, 2026 at the Town Hall.

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Judy Herlihy  
Chair

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Geoff Baker  
Manager of Engineering and Capital Projects

**Town of Cornwall  
Residential Water Efficiency Rebate Program**

**Program Summary**

The Town of Cornwall offers a Residential Water Efficiency Rebate Program to encourage residents to reduce household water consumption through the installation of water-efficient plumbing fixtures and minor water saving improvements. The program is linked to the Town's existing Free Residential Water Audit Program, which identifies opportunities to reduce water use within the home. Residents who complete a Town water audit may be eligible for rebates, repair parts, or exchange items that support water conservation.

This program supports community water conservation efforts, helps reduce demand on the Town's water and wastewater infrastructure, and promotes responsible water use throughout Cornwall.

**Program Budget**

Total program funding is \$3,000.

Program funding may be used for cash rebates and the bulk purchase of approved water saving fixtures and repair parts.

Assistance is provided on a first come, first served basis until program funds are exhausted.

**Pre-Requisites**

To be eligible:

- Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Cornwall.
- A Town of Cornwall residential water audit must be completed prior to eligibility.
- The recommended improvement must be identified during the audit.

**Rebates Available**

<b>Eligible Improvement</b>	<b>Maximum Rebate</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
High-Efficiency Toilet	Up to \$50 per unit	Must be 4.8 L/flush or less, minimum 1000 MAP rating, or approved dual flush model.
Low-Flow Showerhead Replacement	Up to \$20 per unit	May be supplied directly by the Town where inventory is available.
Faucet Aerators	Exchange item	May be supplied directly by the Town where inventory is available.
Repair Parts/Leak Repair Components	Up to \$50	Must be identified during a water audit.

## **Program Conditions**

- Maximum two rebates/assistance items per household.
- Rebates apply only to improvements identified during the water audit.
- Proof of purchase (receipt) is required.
- Exchange items are subject to Town inventory.
- Program funding is limited to \$3,000 for 2026/27.

## **Program Administration**

1. Resident schedules and completes a Town Water Audit
2. Audit identifies recommended water-saving improvements
3. Town may provide exchange items directly where available
4. Resident may purchase eligible fixture or repair parts
5. Resident submits proof of purchase for rebate items
6. Town issues rebate, subject to available funds

**Re: Low Flow Fixture Rebate**

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**From** Billy Ramsay <bramsay@cornwallpe.ca>

**Date** Wed 25-Mar-26 1:43 PM

**To** Geoff Baker <gbaker@cornwallpe.ca>

Hi Geoff

Nice work!!

A couple of things..... all toilets made today are no more than a 6 L flush.

We want to make sure they are going with 4.8 L or less. The toilet has to have 1000 map rating so it flushes properly and doesn't need to be flushed twice. Dual flush. (Which average 4.5 L) would be ok. I think \$100 is a little much considering the province is already paying \$75. My personal opinion would be \$50 per toilet. That gives them \$125 off. Doesn't matter to me either way, but would be good to discuss at committee level.

I was more thinking of a showerhead exchange program. Where they take their showerhead off and exchange it for a low flow that this town would supply. That way we can purchase them in bulk We did this in Stratford for many years and it worked out well.

We could easily do the same for aerators. We could buy in bulk and give them to the owners if they don't have any on their faucets. Stratford just replaced 26 through their whole town hall. The existing aerators were 2.2 gallons per minute and they swapped them out for a 1 gallon per minute. Good savings.

I like the idea of the repair parts.

Another thing we have out to customers was toilet flappers during the audit.

Would be good to know if the committee wants to purchase any of these items in bulk. I think people are more likely to fix their leaks if we make it easier for them. They really don't have much incentive to save water as you know without having a water meter.

Billy.

Billy Ramsay  
Infrastructure Supervisor  
Town of Cornwall

On Mar 25, 2026, at 12:54 PM, Geoff Baker <gbaker@cornwallpe.ca> wrote:

Hey Billy

Attached is what I am proposing to the Environment Committee as a Low Flow Fixture Rebate Program. Can you give it a review and let me know if you have any suggestions/changes?

Thanks,

Geoff Baker, C.E.T.  
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**TOWN OF CORNWALL**  
**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES**  
**BYLAW**

**BYLAW NO. [REDACTED]**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of the Town of Cornwall, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, as follows:

**1. CITATION**

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “Town of Cornwall Property Maintenance and Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Bylaw.”

**2. PURPOSE**

2.1 The purpose of this Bylaw is to:

- a) establish minimum standards for the maintenance of property within the Town;
- b) regulate dangerous, hazardous, nuisance and unsightly conditions;
- c) protect public health, safety and welfare;
- d) support environmentally sustainable landscaping and intentional naturalization practices;
- e) provide for inspection, enforcement, remediation and cost recovery.

**3. APPLICATION**

3.1 This Bylaw applies to all lands and buildings within the Town of Cornwall unless otherwise exempted from this Bylaw or applicable legislation.

**4. AUTHORITY**

4.1 This Bylaw is enacted pursuant to Section 180 of the *Municipal Government Act, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-12.1*, as amended, and the *Unsightly Property Act, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. U-5*.

**5. DEFINITIONS**

5.1 In this Bylaw:

- a) “Agricultural Property” means land or any portion of land lawfully used for agricultural, horticultural, crop production, pasture, grazing, hay, greenhouse, orchard, market garden, soil conservation, or similar bona fide farming purposes;

- b) “Building” includes any structure or erection used, or intended to be used, for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy;
- c) “Chief Administrative Officer” or “CAO” means the administrative head of the Town of Cornwall as appointed by Town Council under clause 86(2)(c) of the *Municipal Government Act*.
- d) “Council” means the duly elected Mayor and members of the Town Council of the Town of Cornwall;
- e) “Dangerous Building” includes:
  - i) a building where the walls or other vertical structural members list, lean or buckle to such an extent that it presents a danger to the occupants or other persons or property;
  - ii) a building which shows clear damage or deterioration of the foundation supporting member or members;
  - iii) a building which has improperly distributed loads upon the floor or roofs or structural supporting members or in which the same are overloaded, or which has insufficient strength to be reasonably safe for the intended use or occupation;
  - iv) a building which has:
    - A) become dangerous to life, safety, or the health and welfare of the occupants or the general public; or
    - B) deteriorated so as to substantially depreciate the value of the property in the vicinity; or
    - C) become a detriment to the general appearance of the Town.
- f) “Dangerous Property” means property containing any hazardous condition, excavation, unstable structure, debris, vegetation hazard, drainage hazard, fire risk, or obstruction that presents a risk to health or safety;
- g) “Derelict Motor Vehicle” means a used motor vehicle or the body or chassis of a used motor vehicle that:
  - i) is not in an operating condition, by reason of removed wheels, motor, transmission, or functioning equipment necessary for its operation; or
  - ii) is rusted, wrecked or partly wrecked, or is dismantled or partly dismantled; and is not insured and registered under The Highway Traffic Act and does not have a current, valid license plate attached to it, and does not display a

valid unexpired inspection approval sticker; and has been entirely or partially located outside of a building for more than one (1) month.

- h) “Inspector” means a person designated by the Town for the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw;
- i) “Invasive Species” means any plant species designated as invasive, prohibited, restricted, or noxious under provincial legislation, regulation, or by resolution of Council adopting a recognized scientific or provincial reference list;
- j) “Litter” means any refuse, rubbish, garbage, waste materials, papers, packages, containers, bottles, cans or parts thereof and any article, product, machinery, discarded furniture, appliances, debris, containers, construction materials, or abandoned matter;
- k) “Managed Naturalized Area” means a deliberately established and actively maintained area of vegetation intended to support biodiversity, pollinators, ecological resilience, habitat creation, stormwater management, or similar environmental purposes, but does not include Agricultural Property or unattended turf grass;
- l) “Owner” means a person or corporation listed as the property owner in the Assessment Roll, as amended from time to time, and includes a part owner, joint tenant, tenant-in-common, executor, administrator, trustee, agent or other person managing a property for the registered property owner, but does not include a lessee or renter;
- m) “Property” means a parcel of land and includes all or any part of trees, buildings, structures, foundations, yards, scaffolding, fences, excavations, depressions, retaining walls, drains, ditches, culverts, driveways, walkways, vegetations, and appurtenances within the Town;
- n) “Town” means the Town of Cornwall;
- o) “Unightly Property” means property containing litter, derelict vehicles, abandoned materials, neglected structures, hazardous vegetation, or conditions creating a nuisance, danger, or significant adverse impact on adjacent property or municipal infrastructure.
- p) “Vacant Building” means any building which is unoccupied for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months.

## **6. ADMINISTRATION**

- 6.1 Town Council may appoint one or more inspectors to administer this Bylaw, who shall report to the Chief Administrative Officer.

## **7. PROPERTY STANDARDS**

7.1 Every Owner shall maintain their Property in a safe, clean, orderly, and properly maintained condition.

7.2 No Owner shall permit any Property to become:

- a) dangerous;
- b) unsightly;
- c) a fire hazard;
- d) a public health hazard;
- e) obstructive to public infrastructure, sidewalks, drainage systems, or sightlines.

7.3 Every Property shall be kept free of:

- a) litter;
- b) refuse;
- c) discarded furniture and appliances;
- d) abandoned construction materials;
- e) dead trees, limbs, or vegetation that create a hazard.

7.4 All maintained turf or lawn areas shall be kept at a height not to exceed eight (8) inches except as otherwise permitted by this Bylaw.

7.5 The grass height restriction in section 7.4 shall not apply during the month of May in any calendar year.

7.6 No Owner shall store, park, or permit a Derelict Vehicle to remain on any Property unless wholly enclosed within a building or unless said property is an industrial property or is an industrial property through its normal course of business.

7.7 Nothing in this Bylaw shall be interpreted as negating, overriding or superseding any restrictive covenant or private agreement registered on title.

## **8. DANGEROUS BUILDINGS**

8.1 No Owner shall permit any building to become structurally unsafe, unstable, unsecured, deteriorated, or hazardous.

## **9. VACANT BUILDINGS**

- 9.1 All doors, windows and other openings on vacant buildings shall be secured and locked to prevent unauthorized access and shall be maintained so as not to become dangerous or unsightly.
- 9.2 In the event property damage or unauthorized entry occurs after the measures in section 9.1 above have been implemented, the Inspector may issue a Notice to the owner requiring the doors and windows or other opening to be covered with a solid wooden material or to secure the land upon which the vacant building is located with a fence at least 1.5 metres in height.
- 9.3 Where wooden material is used to secure a vacant building, it shall be painted to match the trim colour or exterior wall colour of the vacant building and all material used to cover the openings must properly fit inside the outer window, door trim or other opening.
- 9.4 Where a property or building has been secured pursuant to section 9.2 for more than eighteen (18) months, Council may order the building to be repaired or demolished in accordance with section 17 of this Bylaw.

## **10. VACANT PROPERTY STANDARDS**

- 10.1 Every vacant property shall be maintained in a safe, clean, and secure condition and shall be kept free from litter, abandoned materials, unsafe excavations, drainage hazards, derelict vehicles, excessive vegetation, and any condition that may create a danger, nuisance, or unsightly appearance.

## **11. BURNING AND FIRE HAZARDS**

- 11.1 No Owner shall light, maintain, or permit any exterior fire, or burn rubbish, leaves, brush, grass, or other vegetation on any property within the Town except as permitted under this section.
- 11.2 The following shall be permitted:
- a) the burning of wood in an enclosed outdoor fireplace or fire pit equipped with an appropriate spark arrestor;
  - b) the use of gas, propane, or charcoal barbecues;
  - c) controlled burns conducted by the North River Fire Department for the purpose of training or emergency response; and
  - d) the burning of brush, grass, or vegetation on bona fide Agricultural Property in accordance with a valid permit issued pursuant to applicable provincial legislation provided that the Fire Chief is notified at least 24 hours in advance.

## **12. AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION**

12.1 Section 7.4 and sections 11 through 15 do not apply to Agricultural Property except where vegetation creates:

- a) a public safety hazard;
- b) obstruction of streets, sidewalks, intersections, drainage ditches, swales, utilities, or hydrants;
- c) spread of invasive species beyond the Agricultural Property;
- d) encroachment onto neighbouring or municipal property.

### **13. MANAGED NATURALIZED AREAS PERMITTED**

13.1 A Managed Naturalized Area is permitted on any Property provided it is:

- a) intentionally established;
- b) actively maintained;
- c) clearly distinguishable from neglect;
- d) free of invasive species and prohibited noxious weeds;
- e) not creating a public health, fire, drainage, or pest hazard.

### **14. EDGE TREATMENT REQUIREMENT**

14.1 Every Managed Naturalized Area shall include a clearly visible and maintained edge treatment, including but not limited to:

- a) a maintained border strip;
- b) pathway;
- c) mulch bed edge;
- d) stone, timber, or garden border;
- e) other visible demarcation acceptable to the Inspector.

### **15. PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

15.1 No vegetation, whether lawn, Agricultural Property, or Managed Naturalized Area, shall:

- a) obstruct vehicular sightlines;
- b) interfere with sidewalks;
- c) block drainage systems;
- d) obstruct hydrants, utilities, signage, or municipal infrastructure;

- e) encroach onto adjacent lands.

## **16. INVASIVE SPECIES**

- 16.1 No Owner shall intentionally plant, maintain, or permit the uncontrolled spread of invasive species or prohibited noxious weeds.

## **17. STANDARD FOR REPAIR, VACATION, OR DEMOLITION**

- 17.1 The following standards shall be applied by Council in ordering the repair, vacation or demolition of Property:

- a) Any property that is in a condition that makes it dangerous to the health, safety or general welfare of its occupants, or has a dangerous building, shall be ordered vacated;
- b) Any property that can reasonably be brought into compliance with the requirements of this Bylaw shall be ordered repaired;
- c) Any property that cannot reasonably be repaired or that has been ordered repaired, but repairs have not been completed by the deadline set out in the Notice made pursuant to subsection 18.3, or before the expiration of any extension period granted pursuant to section 18.7, shall be ordered demolished.

- 17.2 In addition to any Notice which may be issued pursuant to Section 18, the Inspector shall place the following "Dangerous Building Notice" on any building that Council has determined is a dangerous building:

"This Building has been found to be a Dangerous Building pursuant to the Town of Cornwall Property Maintenance and Dangerous or Unightly Premises Bylaw. Pursuant to the Bylaw, this Notice is to remain on this building until it is vacated, repaired, or demolished in accordance with the Notice which has been given to the Owner of this Building. It is unlawful to remove this Notice until such Notice is complied with."

## **18. ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS**

- 18.1 The Inspector or his designate may enter onto and inspect any property where, in the inspector's opinion such property violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 18.2 Where, in the opinion of the Inspector or his designate, any property does not meet the requirements of this bylaw, the Inspector or his designate shall issue a Notice pursuant to section 18.3.
- 18.3 The Notice shall be issued to the owner and shall:

- a) Be in writing;
- b) State in which respect(s) the property does not meet the requirements of this Bylaw and what must be done to the property to bring it into compliance with the requirements of this Bylaw; and
- c) State the date in which the property shall be brought into compliance with the requirements of this Bylaw, which date is not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date the Notice is deemed to be served pursuant to section 18.5.

18.4 The Notice shall be served:

- a) By personal delivery of the Notice to the owner; or
- b) By depositing the notice in the mail by certified letter to the address of the owner; or
- c) By posting the Notice in a conspicuous place on the property.

18.5 The date of service of the notice is deemed to be:

- a) In section 18.4(a), the date of delivery of the Notice to the owner;
- b) In section 18.4(b), the date stated in an acknowledgement card received from Canada Post for a registered letter which indicates the date the card is received;
- c) In Subsection 18.4(c), the date the Notice is posted on the property.

18.6 Proof of personal service of the Notice under subsection 18.4(a), or proof of the posting of the Notice under subsection 18.4(c), may be an affidavit of the person serving or posting the notice, which affidavit shall set forth the manner in which service was made and the time and date of service.

18.7 The Inspector may extend the time for compliance with any Notice issued pursuant to this part, provided there is evidence of intent to comply with any such Notice and reasonable cause exists to prevent immediate compliance.

## **19. NON-COMPLIANCE**

19.1 Where the owner of the property upon whom a Notice pursuant to section 18 has been served, does not comply with the requirements of such Notice the Inspector shall immediately notify Council who may, by resolution, authorize its Inspector, or a contractor directed by the Inspector, to enter the property without written warrant or other legal process, and thereupon carry out any and all works as stated in the Notice in order to bring the property into compliance with the requirements of this Bylaw.

19.2 A resolution passed by Council under section 19.1 shall be in effect for twenty-four (24) months from the date of passing and enables the Inspector to re-enter the property at any time to remedy a recurring condition.

19.3 The Inspector or his designate shall cause the costs of such vacation, repair or demolition or other work done to be charged to the owner and failing receipt of payment within thirty (30) days therefrom from the owner, such costs shall be charged against the property as a municipal lien or to be recorded in a lawsuit against the owner.

## **20. PENALTIES FOR DISREGARDING NOTICES**

20.1 Any owner who fails to comply with all terms of any "Dangerous Building Notice" issued pursuant to Section 17.2 of this Bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$100 and not exceeding \$500.

20.2 Any owner who fails to comply with all the terms of any Notice issued under this Bylaw other than a "Notice of Dangerous Building" issued pursuant to section 17.2 of this Bylaw shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine in an amount not to exceed \$1 ,000 for each offence, and where an offence under this Bylaw is committed or continued to be committed for more than one week, the person who committed the offence is liable to be convicted for a separate offence for each week the offence is committed or continued.

## **21. SEVERABILITY**

21.1 If any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid, all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.

## **22. REPEAL**

22.1 All previous Bylaws of the Town of Cornwall pertaining to the regulation of Property Maintenance and Dangerous or Unsightly Premises are hereby repealed.

## **23. EFFECTIVE DATE**

23.1 The effective date of this Bylaw is the date the Bylaw is formally adopted by Town Council.

## Get a Free Home Water Audit!

From May to August 2026!



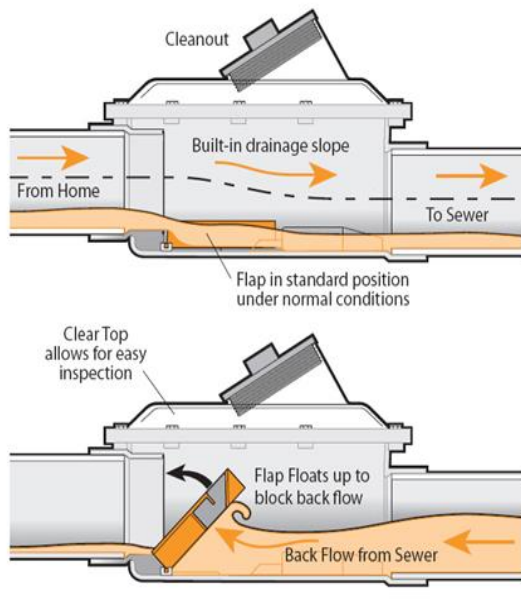
### What is a Home Water Audit?

A water audit is a free service offered by the Town of Cornwall to address unknown leaks in the home; measure the efficiency of your appliances and fixtures; and recommend any changes or tips to reduce water waste in the home and community!

Email [waterconserv@Cornwallpe.ca](mailto:waterconserv@Cornwallpe.ca) to book!

## SEWERAGE LINE CHECK VALVE

In accordance with Article 4.20 of the Prince Edward Island Municipal Water and Sewerage Utilities General Rules and Regulations, which has been adopted by this Utility, you are hereby advised that in the case of a building so located that any plumbing fixture in the building is below street level or so as to be affected by a back flow on the sewerage line, such premises shall be required to have a suitable check valve. The complete cost of the check valve shall be borne by the customer. Should you choose not to install a check valve and a backup occurs in your premises, you shall be responsible for any damage sustained. Contact your local plumber to maintain or to get a check valve installed.



## PROHIBITED SEWERAGE

Customers are reminded that no person shall discharge or cause to be discharged directly or indirectly in the sanitary sewer storm water any surface water, ground water, roof run-off, surface drainage or the like.

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# Water Saving Tips

Canada has the third largest freshwater supply in the world, it should not be wasted. Toilet flushing, faucets and showers are large water consumers in the household. These can be easily lowered through low-flush toilets, low-flow aerators and low-flow showerheads and incorporating water conservation tips into your daily routines. Selecting water efficient appliances also reduces water usage. When selecting fixtures and appliances, look for the Energy Star® certification logo (dishwasher, clothes washer) and the WaterSense logo (showerheads, bathroom faucets, toilets).



**REDUCE** – Become conscious of the amount of water you’re using and look for ways to use less.



**RETROFIT** – Replace water guzzling toilets and appliances with more water efficient models or retrofit existing appliances with water saving devices.



**REPAIR** – Stop the leaks! In one year, a leak of one drip per second wastes 10,000 liters of water.

## WATER SAVING TIPS FOR HOMES

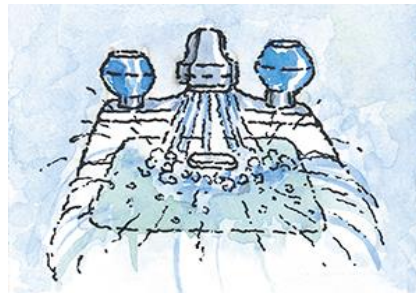
There are many ways to conserve water.

### Saving Water in the Bathroom

- Do not flush wipes or trash (such as Kleenex or paper towel) in the toilet.
- Make sure toilet flappers and other parts are not leaking (toilet flappers should be replaced every 2 to 5 years).
- Replace showerheads with low-flow models.
- Take short showers instead of having a bath.
- Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing your teeth.

### Saving Water in the Kitchen

- Use your dishwasher only when you have a full load.
- Defrost food in the refrigerator rather than in the sink under running water.
- Keep a container of drinking water in your refrigerator.



## Saving Water in the Utility Room

- Wash only full loads of laundry.
- If you must wash a small load of laundry, set the water-level indicator to “small”.



## OUTDOOR WATER SAVING TIPS

When the weather warms up, our thoughts all turn to outdoor activities and enjoying the sunshine. However, in the summer, we use 20% more water than during the rest of the year, most of which goes to our lawns and gardens.

- Raise your mower up a notch – longer grass is less likely to dry out.
- Water during the early morning hours or late evening when evaporation isn't as likely.
- Water your plants only when necessary.
- Avoid lawn-watering all together, except in cases where new sod is being established or grass seed has been planted.
- Give your car a sponge bath, not a shower. Wash your car with a bucket and sponge rather than running the hose continuously.

## Healthy Lawn Tips

Keep Your lawn healthy using good maintenance practices.

**Feed** your lawn with compost and leave grass clippings where they fall for nutrient recycling.

**Aerate** your lawn every 1-2 years, this helps oxygen, water and nutrients reach the roots.

**Overseed** thinned areas or choose alternative ground covers in difficult spots.

**Replace** grass with paving stone or mulch in heavy traffic areas.

**Check** the lawn regularly to detect pest and other problems early.

**Discover** that healthy lawns are less susceptible to pest problems.

**Enjoy** a healthy lawn is an ideal place to relax

**Mow High** 6 to 8 cm or 2.5 to 3" to promote growth and prevent weeds and pests

**Water Deeply** 2.5 cm or 1" water a week to promote deep roots.

## New Green Lawn Rebate

Rebate is up to \$50, for rental or purchase of equipment to facilitate natural lawn care.

Contact the Town for more information and to pick up or drop off an application.

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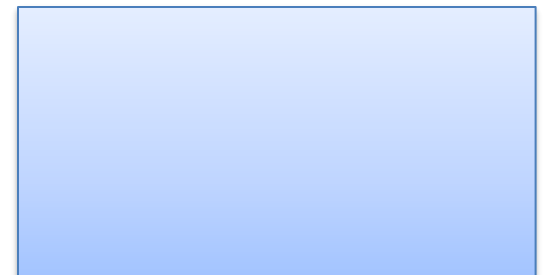
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## Natural Healthy Lawn

Healthy Lawns are a great place to spend time, and lawns serve many functions such as filtering pollution, buffering temperatures, absorbing water, and preventing soil erosion. Keep your lawn healthy by using good maintenance practices. It will better tolerate drought, temperature extremes and general wear and tear.

- Healthy, vigorous, deep rooted lawns are less susceptible to pest damage and do not usually require pesticides to control pests.
- Longer, thicker grass also prevents many pests from invading the lawn.
- Avoid excess water as the water fills up air spaces and reduces oxygen supply in the soil.
- Avoid over fertilizing as it disrupts the nutrient balance and may decrease the amount of organisms in the soil.
- Protect beneficial insects and earthworms by reducing your use of pesticides.
- Clover in your lawn is not a bad thing. It is drought tolerant and stays green.
- Overseeding, adds new grass seed to the lawn to keep the lawn dense and fill in bare patches.

### Mowing

Lawns should be cut to a height of 3". More frequent mowing may be needed in spring and fall, never removing more than 1/3 of the grass blade in one cutting. Removing too much of the blade length at one time stresses the grass and weakens your lawn. A longer cutting height results in a stronger, deeper root system and shades the soil retaining moisture and prevents weed seeds from germinating.

Keep your mower blade sharp. This will make mowing easier and reduces tearing the blades of grass, which can promote lawn diseases.

Grass clippings should be left on the lawn when mowing as it is a natural and environmentally friendly practice.



### Watering

Most lawns need about 1" to 1-1/2" of water per week. Do not over water your lawn. Too much watering can lead to poor growing conditions and disease problems. Weekly deep watering when there is no rainfall and allowing the lawn to dry out between watering, will force the roots to penetrate deeper in search of moisture. Early morning or evening is the best time to water your lawn so that the leaves can dry slowly and naturally without too much evaporation. In extended hot, dry periods, a lawn may wilt, turn brown, and become dormant. A healthy lawn can survive several weeks in a dormant state.

### Aeration

Aeration is one of the most beneficial things you can do for your lawn every year. Aeration will help reduce thatch and compaction and let more air and water into the root zone, developing a deep root system. Spring or fall is the best time to aerate as the soil is moist and it will be easier to remove the cores.

### Fertilizing and Lime Treatments

Use a balanced organic, slow-release fertilizer to feed your lawn. These materials break down slowly continuing to feed your lawn over time.

Most types of lawn grass grow best in slightly acidic soil with a pH between 6 and 7. If your soil pH is below 5.5, your lawn won't grow well. Spring is a great time to test your soil, and you can apply lime between fall and early spring.