

# Water Conservation in Inverness County: Every Drop Counts



## Why Water Conservation Matters

Access to clean, safe, and reliable drinking water is essential to the health and well-being of our municipally serviced communities. With aging water infrastructure, a growing population, and increased commercial development, The Municipality of Inverness County's water systems face growing challenges, especially in the summer, when water use increases significantly.

## What You Can Do to Help



### Reduce Your Water Use

**Simple actions at home can make a big difference:**

- Collect rainwater in a covered barrel for watering plants or washing vehicles.
- Use water-efficient appliances (look for **WaterSense** or **EnergyStar** labels).
- Take shorter showers and turn off taps when brushing teeth or washing dishes.
- Only run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads.
- Avoid non-essential outdoor water use like watering lawns or hosing down driveways.

### Conserve to Preserve

**When you conserve water, you:**

- Lower your utility bills
- Help maintain emergency water supplies for hospitals and fire departments
- Ensure sustainable, long-term access to clean water for everyone



### Detect and Report Leaks

Leaks can waste thousands of litres of water and often go unnoticed. Watch for:

- Persistent puddles or soggy ground
- Running water or unexplained streams
- Sudden drops in water pressure

### Suspect a leak?

Report it immediately.  
Call **902-258-5048**.

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## By the Numbers

- Community water use often rises by **over 30%** in summer compared to winter
- A leaking toilet can waste **hundreds of litres/day** due to worn flappers
- A dripping tap (1 drop/sec) wastes **up to 25 litres/day**
- **Over two-thirds of municipal water** is used for non-drinking purposes
- Water consumption rates often increase by 5 – 15% immediately following municipal water conservation advisories. Let's work together to fix that.

## Understanding Water Conservation Advisories

Water conservation advisories are issued by the municipality to help maintain safe and reliable water services during periods of increased strain on the system.

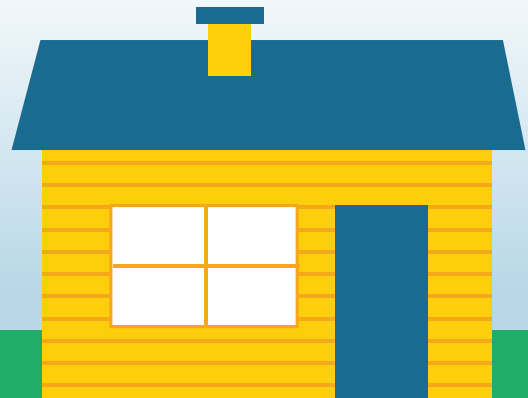
### Common reasons for advisories include:

- **Drought or extended dry weather** reducing natural water supply
- **Seasonal spikes in use**, especially during summer and tourism season
- **Equipment issues** like pump or well maintenance, or main repairs
- **Water loss** due to leaks or pipe breaks, lowering storage tank levels
- **Regulatory restrictions** on water withdrawal rates from groundwater and surface water sources

Your cooperation during advisories ensures that **essential services like hospitals and fire departments** have the water they need—and helps protect long-term water access for everyone.

### BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Small daily actions can have a big impact. Let's work together to protect our water resources—today and for future generations.



### Have questions or concerns?

Call 1-866-258-0223, select option #4 or email [publicworks@invernesscounty.ca](mailto:publicworks@invernesscounty.ca).

To report a severe leak or water-related emergency affecting public safety or property:  
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