

# PUBLIC NOTICE



**W**ater is a limited resource. As fresh, safe drinking water supplies come under increasing pressures and diminish both here in New Brunswick and across the world, we can all do our bit to help ensure future supplies by choosing to conserve water now.

## TOWN OF GRAND BAY-WESTFIELD

### Water Conservation Program

#### **OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION TIPS**

##### *Change Behaviour*

*There are many options to change the way that water is used.*

*Small changes in behaviour can reap big benefits in water conservation.*



*Your environmental trust funds at work*

- ✓ Keep showers to 5 minutes or less compared to 10 minutes and replace your shower head with an ultra-low-flow version. You'll save up to 3,924 gallons of water a year.
- ✓ Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at a rate of 1 drop per second, you can expect to waste 2,700 of gallons of water per year which will add to the cost of water and sewer utilities, or strain your septic system.
- ✓ Never put water down the drain when there may be another use for it, collect the water you use for rinsing produce and reuse it to water houseplants, garden or cleaning.
- ✓ Use the minimum amount of water needed for a bath by closing the drain first and filling the tub only 1/3 full. Insure that the tub stopper is before turning water on. The initial burst of cold water can be warmed by adding hot water later.
- ✓ Don't use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in refrigerator or by using the defrost setting on your microwave.
- ✓ Store drinking water in refrigerator rather than letting the tap run every time you want a cool glass of water.
- ✓ Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects, and other such waste in the trash rather than the toilet.
- ✓ Don't let water run while shaving or washing your face. Brush your teeth first while waiting for water to get hot, then wash or shave after filling the basin.
- ✓ Use a brook instead of a hose to clean your driveway, walkway and sidewalk and save up to 80 gallons of water every time.