

# Seasonal water use restrictions begin June 1

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Charlottetown's Water and Sewer Utility department is cautioning customers that spring weather conditions are dry and reminding residents to use water wisely.

Seasonal water use restrictions will be in place beginning June 1, allowing watering only in the early morning and evening hours and prohibiting hosing off driveways and other hard surfaces. Weekend showers eased the water situation only slightly.

The Winter River watershed is most vulnerable to water extraction during the summer and it is important for all residents to follow the mandatory water restrictions, says a city news release. Demand for water in the summer of 2012 increased significantly above the average customer demand and with customer compliance with the water use restrictions, the utility department is hopeful there will not be a repeat in 2013.

The utility department has rain barrels on sale until May 24, or while supplies last, at a cost of \$ 60 including HST. Rain barrels can capture and store a significant amount of water for watering lawns and gardens. Water collected and used from a rain barrel is not subject to water restrictions.

If conditions remain dry and the water extraction rates are high, the utility will need to implement restrictions that prohibit all lawn watering and limit car washing to once per week.