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Drinking water: The City asks the population to respect the by-law in effect

Vaudreuil-Dorion, May 11, 2023 – The good weather of the last few days has had a major impact on the habits of citizens. The drinking water consumption data compiled by the Water Department already indicates, in certain sectors, a much higher consumption than normal. This situation shows that the regulations on the use of drinking water are not being respected.

The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion reminds citizens of the obligation to respect the usual watering regulations, between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., on Mondays and Thursdays for residences with an even-numbered address and on Tuesdays and Fridays for residences with an odd-numbered address. Property owners who fail to comply with the by-law are subject to a fine, excluding court costs, ranging from \$250 to \$2,000 for an individual and \$500 to \$4,000 for a business.

Opening of pools

It is strictly forbidden to completely empty a pool when it is opened. Residential pools contain an average of 60,000 liters of water, the equivalent of what more than 200 citizens consume daily. It is mandatory to treat the water of the pool when it is opened instead of emptying it, except for new pools or pools requiring repairs. A permit is required for these pools (see the Online Services section of the City's website). Pool upgrades are permitted on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays for even-numbered addresses, and Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays for odd-numbered addresses. Please note that backwash should not exceed five minutes.

Drinking water consumption tracking tool

On the home page of the City's Web site, there are two graphs showing drinking water consumption over the past 24 hours and the past 12 months. It shows how much water consumption increases during the summer months. Lawn watering accounts for up to 50 per cent of residential drinking water consumption across Quebec.

"The waste of drinking water is observed in all four corners of Quebec. All cities are working to raise awareness of responsible consumption at this time of year," said Mayor Guy Pilon. The Vaudreuil-Soulanges MRC, along with all 23 municipalities, will be launching a campaign by the end of the week to raise awareness about the importance of using drinking water wisely.