



In light of the potential for another drought season, we would like the public to start preparing now by conserving water and thinking of ways to be more self-sufficient in water collection.

Shelburne County East Emergency Management will continue to explore options for additional supports for sustainable access to water in our communities.

As in previous years, public water collection opportunities will be made available as the need arises. Please check regularly for updates at <https://www.facebook.com/shelburneemo>.

We recognize that there are vulnerable individuals/households in our communities that do not have the means to address the issue on their own. We are committed to continuing to help them within reason and this assistance will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Please use this flyer as a guide to support you in accessing available resources to manage and mitigate chronic water shortages.

If you are experiencing low or dry well it is important to report this issue. Reporting water shortages is critical for tracking, identifying and providing community solutions.

Provincial Burning Bans

A reminder that with warm, dry weather comes restrictions on burning, campfires, fireworks and other hazards that increase the risk of forest fire. If your seasonal plans involve the above activities, always check <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/> for information on domestic burning in your area.

Water Source Upgrades

Deepening a well is a possibility in chronic drought conditions. Drilling so that it is well below the water table may help to insure a more drought-resistant water supply, although deepening a well is never a guarantee that you will get more water. Redeveloping an existing well may also make it more efficient. Check with a local well contractor for more information.

The Provincial Housing Emergency Repair Program offers grants, up to \$6500, and forgivable loan, up to \$18,000, to eligible Nova Scotians. Information about accessing Provincial funds can be found here:

Non-seniors -

<https://housing.novascotia.ca/programs/financial-assistance-and-grant-programs-homeowners/provincial-housing-emergency-repair>

Seniors -

<https://housing.novascotia.ca/programs/housing-programs-seniors/senior-citizens-assistance-program>

Forgivable loan -

<https://housing.novascotia.ca/programs/financial-assistance-and-grant-programs-homeowners/homeowner-residential-rehabilitation>

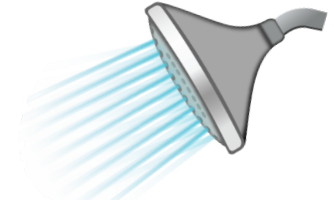
All reports of water shortages or inquiries related to special assistance should be sent directly to Mike Shand, EMO Coordinator at SCEEMO@municipalityofshelburne.ca or 902-319-0349.

How to Save Water

Drought conditions are expected to continue annually and may begin earlier and/or last longer each year. These are some proactive activities you can do around your home to conserve water and prepare for a water shortage.



1. REPLACE OLDER TOILETS with a new low flush unit.



2. USE A LOW-FLOW SHOWERHEAD, this saves up to 230 gallons a week!

3. USE YOUR DISHWASHER instead of handwashing your dishes. Only use washer and dishwasher when you have a full load.



4. TURN OFF TAPS when brushing your teeth or shaving!



5. FIX HOUSEHOLD LEAKS, interior and exterior. This could save up to 10,000 gallons of water per year.



Town Water Hook-up

Properties located in the Town of Shelburne may be eligible to access water hook-up.



Inquiries for hook-up, usage cost and availability can be made at 902-875-2991.



Rainwater Collection

Everyone is encouraged to collect rainwater by capturing downspout run off or large container collection.