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Watering Ban in Effect in Châteauguay

Châteauguay, June 16, 2020 – Given the Ville de Mercier's water supply problems and the weather forecast for the next few days, Ville de Châteauguay is re-imposing its watering ban, with a few modifications.

Manual watering of gardens and vegetable patches is permitted. If you have a permit, it is also possible to water newly installed sod for a five-day period. Subsequently, the standard regulations in effect will apply.

The use of all watering systems (manual, automatic, electronic or underground) for **lawns**, as well as the **washing of cars** and of **homes**, **will be prohibited until further notice.**

The City has postponed the installation of a drinking water pressure regulator to avoid compounding Ville de Mercier's water supply problems. For street cleaning and the watering of landscaped properties, the City uses untreated water by means of a fire hydrant on the premises of its drinking water production facilities.

Municipal monitoring will therefore continue to ensure compliance with the watering ban. Inspectors, firefighters and police officers will continue to patrol up and down Châteauguay streets and, if they notice any breaches, they may issue a statement of offence to the property owners.

As a result of the current heat wave, drinking water is being overused. Consequently, the City is asking residents to ration their use of water for essential purposes. As soon as the situation permits, you will be notified and asked to scrupulously comply with the usual watering regulations, i.e., to water between 9:00 pm and midnight on even days for residences with even addresses and on odd days for residences with odd addresses. **The ban will stay in effect in the meantime.**

To find out about the latest developments, regularly visit the City's website at www.ville.chateauguay.qc.ca/en and its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Chateauguay.

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