

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF EAST ST. PAUL

BY-LAW NO. 2026-03

**BEING A BY-LAW OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF EAST ST. PAUL TO REGULATE THE
SPRINKLING OF WATER**

WHEREAS a municipality has the authority under *The Municipal Act* to regulate and restrict the use of water and to establish permits, fees, and penalties in respect of municipal services;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul considers it necessary and desirable to regulate the outdoor sprinkling of water in order to manage water demand and protect the municipal water supply;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul, in open session duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Short Title

1.1. This By-law may be cited as the “Water Sprinkling By-law”.

2. Purpose

2.1. The purpose of this By-law is to regulate the outdoor sprinkling of water in order to manage water demand, protect the municipal water supply, and promote the efficient and responsible use of water.

3. Authority

3.1. This By-law is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities under *The Municipal Act*.

4. Definitions

4.1. “Chief Administrative Officer” means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality or their designate.

4.2. “Designated Officer” means a person appointed as a designated officer pursuant to the Municipality’s Designated Officers By-law.

4.3. “Municipality” means the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul.

4.4. “Person” includes a corporation and the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of a person.

4.5. “Premises” means any land or property within the Municipality that is supplied by the municipal water system and used for residential, commercial, institutional, or industrial purposes.

4.6. “Sprinkle” or “Sprinkling” means the application or distribution of water on lawns, boulevards, gardens, or landscaped areas by means of a sprinkler, hose, irrigation system, or similar device, but does not include drip irrigation or hand watering using a hand-held container or a hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

5. Application

5.1. This By-law applies only to premises that are supplied by the Municipality’s water system.

6. Designated Authority

6.1. The Chief Administrative Officer, or designate, is authorized to:

- a. Impose restrictions to regulate the use of water;
- b. Determine when Stage 2 or Stage 3 restrictions are required; and
- c. Issue, suspend, or revoke permits, or authorize the issuance, suspension, or revocation of permits, in accordance with this By-law.

6.2. This By-law may be enforced by a Designated Officer appointed pursuant to the Municipality’s Designated Officers By-law.

7. Watering Season and Default Restrictions

7.1. Between the last Saturday of May and September 30 of each year, or other such period as may be declared by the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate, no person shall sprinkle or allow sprinkling on any premises supplied by the Municipality’s water system except in compliance with the provisions of this By-law.

7.2. Unless otherwise declared by the Chief Administrative Officer or their designate, Stage 1 restrictions constitute the normal outdoor watering schedule during the periods outlined in section 7.1.

8. Stage 1 Restrictions

8.1. Under Stage 1 restrictions, a person may sprinkle or allow sprinkling only as follows:

- a) Premises with even-numbered civic addresses may sprinkle on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.;
- b) Premises with odd-numbered civic addresses may sprinkle on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

9. Stage 2 Restrictions

9.1. Under Stage 2 restrictions, a person may sprinkle or allow sprinkling only as follows:

- a) Premises with even-numbered civic addresses may sprinkle on Wednesdays and Sundays between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.;
- b) Premises with odd-numbered civic addresses may sprinkle on Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.;

9.2. Under Stage 2 restrictions, a person may wash motor vehicles only with a hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

9.3. Under Stage 2 restrictions, no person shall wash sidewalks, driveways, or other outdoor surfaces at any time.

10. Stage 3 Restrictions

10.1. Under Stage 3 restrictions, a person may water or spray trees, shrubs, flowers, or vegetables only by means of a hand-held container or a hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

10.2. Under Stage 3 restrictions, a person may wash motor vehicles only with a hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle.

10.3. Under Stage 3 restrictions, no person shall sprinkle or allow sprinkling at any time.

10.4. Under Stage 3 restrictions, no person shall wash sidewalks, driveways, or other outdoor surfaces at any time.

11. Exemptions

11.1. Sections 8, 9, and 10 do not apply to:

11.1.1. Licensed nurseries;

11.1.2. Licensed golf courses and driving ranges;

11.1.3. Playing fields and public gardens owned by the Municipality where failure to water would result in permanent loss, as authorized by the Municipality on a selective basis;

11.1.4. Watering for dust control, safety, sanitary purposes, or compaction during construction where no reasonable alternative exists.

11.2. Clauses 9.3 and 10.4 do not apply to restaurants or other commercial eating establishments that are required by law to clean outdoor areas in order to comply with health standards.

12. Eligibility for Permit

- 12.1. A person who has installed a new lawn by sod or seed, or who has installed new landscaping on a substantial portion of a premises, may apply to the Municipality for a permit authorizing sprinkling outside the restricted times.

13. Permit Fees

- 13.1. The Municipality shall issue a permit under section 12.1 upon payment of the applicable fee as set out in the Municipality's current Annual Fee Schedule By-law.

14. Permit Duration and Renewal

- 14.1. A permit issued under this By-law is valid for a period of twenty-one (21) days from the date of issue and shall be conspicuously displayed at the premises for which it is issued.
- 14.2. No more than one (1) permit and one (1) renewal permit may be issued for the same premises in any calendar year.
- 14.3. No permit issued under this By-law is valid during Stage 3 restrictions, and the Chief Administrative Officer or designate may suspend or revoke any permit during Stage 2 or Stage 3 restrictions.

15. Notice

- 15.1. Notice of the restrictions set out in this By-law, or any change or revocation thereof, shall be deemed sufficient if provided, where practicable, at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the commencement, change, or revocation of restrictions by one or more of the following means:
 - 15.1.1. Publication on the Municipality's website;
 - 15.1.2. Publication in the Municipality's newsletter;
 - 15.1.3. Publication through the Municipality's official social media accounts;
 - 15.1.4. Display on the Municipality's LED board located at 3021 Birds Hill Road;
 - 15.1.5. Any other electronic or public communication methods as the Municipality considers appropriate.

16. Offence

- 16.1. No person shall contravene or fail to comply with any provision of this By-law.

17. Penalty

- 17.1. A person who contravenes this By-law is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, and a penalty equal to the enforcement costs associated with the conduct giving rise to the offence and

enforcing this By-law, which may be collected in the same manner as a tax may be enforced under *The Municipal Act*.

18. Continuing Offence

18.1. Where a contravention of this By-law continues for more than one (1) day, each day that the contravention continues constitutes a separate offence.

19. Relationship to Other By-laws

19.1. This By-law is supplementary to the Municipality's water utility by-laws and all other applicable municipal by-laws.

20. Repeal

20.1. By-law No. 2002-31 and any amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

21. Coming Into Force

21.1. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of final reading.

DONE AND PASSED by the Council of the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul in open session duly assembled at East St. Paul, Manitoba, this 24th day of February, 2026.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

Read a first time this 3rd day of February, 2026

Read a second time this 24th day of February, 2026

Read a third time this 24th day of February, 2026