

Environment Fact Sheet: Outdoor water use, 2015

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Almost 1 in 7 Canadian households (15%) had a barrel or cistern for collecting rainwater in 2015. They were most frequently reported by households in the Prairie provinces of Saskatchewan (28%), Alberta (25%) and Manitoba (22%).

Less than half of Canadian households (43%) that had a lawn reported that they had watered it in 2015. Of those that did water their lawn, 63% used some sort of sprinkler or sprinkler system, with 45% using a standalone lawn sprinkler and 19% using a sprinkler system. The remainder watered their lawns by hand using a hose or watering can.

Just over 6 in 10 (61%) households in Canada reported that they had a garden or an outside area with trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetables. Of these, 77% of households reported they watered these areas during the summer. The likelihood that a household had done so increased across the country; from 59% in Newfoundland and Labrador in the East to 86% in British Columbia in the West.

Note to readers

The Households and the Environment Survey asks Canadian households about their activities and behaviours with respect to the environment. It covers a wide variety of topics including water and energy consumption and conservation, hazardous products used in the home, and the household's interactions with nature. Data from the survey are used by governments to guide policies and programs, by researchers to learn more about Canadians and by individuals to see how they compare with the rest of the country.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [3881](#).

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