

WATER USE AND REDUCTION PROGRAM

Concordia's department of Facilities Management is pleased to announce the adoption of its new Water Use and Reduction Program. Developed in cooperation with the Ministère des Affaires municipales, des Régions et de l'Occupation du territoire (MAMROT), the City of Montreal and other stakeholders, the goal of this program is threefold.

1. **Measurement – “You can't manage what you can't measure.”**
All our buildings will be equipped with a new electronic water meter that will be used to measure the amount of water the university uses.
2. **Equipment – “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”**
For new projects, renovations and repairs, only modern low-consumption fixtures will be used. Existing equipment will be replaced based on severity of wastage and availability of funds and labour. You may notice some older facilities getting a facelift in the coming years as old, wasteful high-flow taps, toilets and urinals are replaced with modern equivalents.
3. **Communication – “Good communication is just as stimulating as black coffee and just as hard to sleep after.”**

– Anne Morrow Lindbergh

How much water does Concordia use? What are we doing to reduce our consumption? What can students, staff and visitors do to reduce their personal water consumption? All of these questions are paramount in raising awareness of water consumption and in doing our part to reduce Concordia's environmental footprint.

During the first months of 2013, Facilities Management has been collecting an inventory of all the plumbing fixtures in each of our buildings. This inventory will serve as a benchmark to help us measure our success as we gear up to meet a 20% target for reduction in water consumption by December 31, 2016. Meeting this goal within such a short timeframe will be no small task. In addition to banning inefficient equipment, many of our installations will need to be renovated.

As a supplement to our infrastructure work, we will also be providing information to our occupants on actions they may take to help reduce their personal water consumption. By adapting our behaviour and being conscious of our impact, we can all make a difference.

What You Can Do

Reducing our water consumption is something we can all take to heart. Whether at home, work, out shopping, or grabbing a bite to eat, there are a number of ways we can ensure that we do not waste this precious resource. The following links provide ideas and resources aimed at reducing our water consumption through small changes in our habits.

At Home

- [Ways to conserve at home](#)
- [25 ways to conserve in home and yard](#)

At Work

- [Ways to conserve at the office](#)
- [Water use in your business](#)

Miscellaneous

- [Water footprint calculator](#)
- [Wise water use](#)
- [Reduce your water bill](#)