

WINDSOR MATTERS



FROM MAYOR RENNEMEYER'S DESK

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Dear Windsor Residents,

It's likely most of us have been spending more time at home these past few months than we have originally anticipated. It's not an easy time, and some days it feels like there are many things we can't do or can't control. This month, I would like to encourage everyone to focus on something we can do—use water more effectively and efficiently.

Water conservation starts at home. Everyone has the ability to make a positive impact. Being mindful of our water usage today will help us create a more sustainable future.

There are many ways to be smarter about water usage both inside the home and outside in the yard and garden. Here are a few suggestions to get you started:

- Consider updating older appliances such as washing machines and toilets with newer, water-efficient models. Learn more about Windsor's washer and toilet rebate program at windsorgov.com/waterconservation.
- Check for leaky faucets and showerheads. A drip rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water per year.
- Water your lawn during the cool morning hours, as opposed to midday, to reduce evaporation.
- Check the sprinkler alignment to make sure plants and greenery are getting the water they need and not the sidewalk.
- Stop by Town Hall, Monday through Friday between 8am and 5pm to pick up a free indoor or outdoor water conservation kit (limit one per household, while supplies last).

Small changes add up, especially when we make them together as a community. In the meantime, know that your municipal leaders continually challenge staff to constantly study water rates and resources so they can plan for a more water secure future. If you are curious about Windsor's water quality, you can also check out this year's Consumer Confidence Report by visiting <https://bit.ly/WindsorWaterConfidence>.

Thank you for using water efficiently.

Sincerely,



Paul Rennemeyer
Mayor of Windsor



SATURDAYS, 9AM-1PM
Season Ends Sept. 12, 2020

BOARDWALK PARK, 110 5th Street
recreationliveshere.com/FarmersMarket

WINDSOR
**HISTORY
MUSEUM**

**SATURDAYS
10AM-4PM**

**FREE
ADMISSION**

recreationliveshere.com/Culture

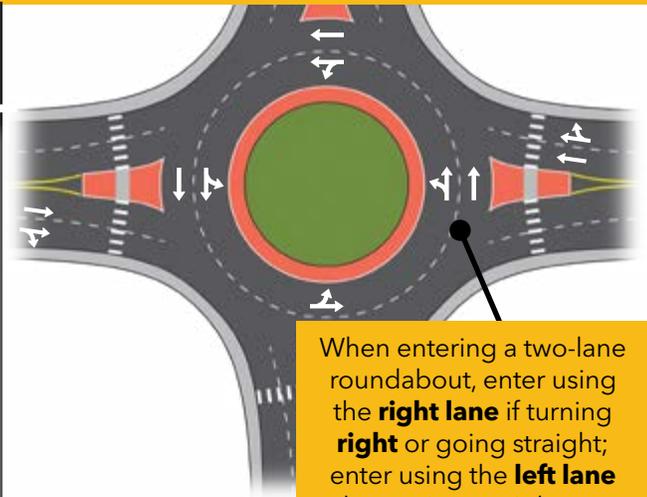


ROUNDBABOUT 101

Starting mid-August, Larimer Cty. Rd. 5 is closing between Jacoby Rd (32E) and Highway 392. Two roundabouts are being constructed to improve traffic flow at the intersections, a dedicated bike lane is being installed, and the road will be widened for vehicular traffic.

Here are some tips for using roundabouts:

- Look to the left and yield to traffic already in the roundabout. They have the right-of-way. Proceed when there is a safe space between oncoming cars.
- Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists in the crosswalk. Be sure to yield to them.
- Follow lane markings and signs while you proceed counter-clockwise through the roundabout to your exit.



When entering a two-lane roundabout, enter using the **right lane** if turning **right** or going straight; enter using the **left lane** when going straight or to the **left**.

CROSSWALK SAFETY

WHAT PEDESTRIANS & DRIVERS NEED TO KNOW

With the anticipated start of a new school year, more of Windsor's youth will be out and about. We are reminding pedestrians and drivers to be mindful; eliminate distractions and remain focused on driving or walking. It is especially important to stay focused in school and construction zones.

Pedestrians

- Watch for traffic and use marked crosswalks when possible. Pedestrians must allow vehicles reasonable time to stop before entering a crosswalk.
- Obey traffic signs and signals.
- Walk when the "Walk" light or symbol shows a steady green or white and traffic is clear.
- Don't enter the roadway if the "Don't Walk" indicator is flashing red. If you're already in the crosswalk, continue to the nearest median or curb.

Drivers

- Yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing within a crosswalk.
- Do not pass a vehicle that is stopped.
- Drivers cannot park within 20 feet of a crosswalk.
- Take extra care when you see pedestrians approaching the crosswalk and stay alert.



windsorpd.com/CrosswalkSafety

WATER CONSERVATION

FALL BACK ON WATERING

Did you know that grass needs 50% less water on average in September versus July? For that reason, it's nice to know that during fall months you can water grass less often or stop watering it completely based on how much moisture Mother Nature is providing.

This fall, if watering is still needed, consider watering as little as twice a week to avoid oversaturating the root system. Saturating your lawn's root system, particularly when grass begins to go dormant, can do more harm than good.

Keep your grass looking its best by following these tips:

- Keep your mower blade sharp. A dull blade can cause grass to appear brown at the edges.
- Never mow to the lowest setting. Help grass retain moisture by keeping it at least 2.5-3" tall.
- Avoid over-fertilizing. Fertilizer that isn't absorbed by the ground washes into the storm sewer system and pollutes local lakes and streams.

To receive a free outdoor water conservation kit, stop by the Windsor Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Limit one per household while supplies last. For more information about the Windsor Water Utility, visit windsorgov.com/Water.

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THE ALL NEW



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