Happy days, spring has arrived! With it come buds, blooms, leaves and green, grassy lawns. Keeping the latter lush, verdant and the envy of all your neighbours requires some serious upkeep, including lots of watering. For guilt-free maintenance, here are some water-friendly ways to keep your lawn cool.

- o Remember: evaporation Watering in the cooler morning or evening will keep the ground more moist than in the middle of the hot afternoon sun.
- o Wind also increases evaporation, so avoid watering on windy days.
- o Longer grass also keeps the soil more humid, so set your mower blade one notch higher (added bonus: you can leave short cuttings on the lawn they make a great, natural fertilizer).
- o If you can, hand-water instead of using a sprinkler, you will use half as much water this way.
- o Blend family fun with lawn care: let kids play with the hose, sprinklers or water toys on a drier part of the grass.

