

## Reminder of Stage 2 Watering Restrictions

PARKSVILLE, BC: On June 1, the City of Parksville implemented Stage 2 watering restrictions. At this stage, residents are asked to abide by the odd-even outdoor water use restrictions. Watering times under Stage 2 are 7 am to 10 am and 7 pm to 10 pm. Odd-numbered properties may water on Thursdays and Sundays and even-numbered properties on Wednesdays and Saturdays. There should be no sprinkling in the City on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Stage 2 restrictions are intended to ensure that ALL residents receive an adequate supply of water throughout the summer months and also ensure sufficient reserves for emergency firefighting purposes. The City appreciates and wishes to thank residents for their water saving efforts. Water restrictions have proven to be successful in reducing peak demands on the distribution system which in turn, reduces the cost to operate the water utility. The City continues to monitor water supply and will advise should additional restrictions become necessary.

Information about Stage 2 is included here:

- Irrigation systems with automated programmable sprinkler controllers shall be allowed to operate between the hours of 1 am and 4 am on the prescribed watering days.
- For housing complexes, water restrictions may be applied based on “unit numbers” or on “irrigation zones” to achieve the level of water use reduction on the permitted days (ie half of the watering/irrigation is undertaken on odd-numbered basis and half on even-numbered basis).
- Vegetable gardens, shrubs and flowers are restricted to hand watering (including a hand held hose, with or without spraying/water wand attachments) if watered outside the permitted days and/or times.
- Automobile washing is permitted during allotted watering times, using a hand held container or a hose equipped with shut off nozzle.
- Building, driveway and parking lot washing is permitted only for the preparation and/or application of products such as paint, preservative, sealant, stucco, brickwork or paving.
- Special permits are available through City Hall or the Engineering and Operations Department for new landscaping. Permits will be valid for three weeks from the date of issuance and will allow sprinkling outside of restricted days/hours. Restrictions are outlined in City of Parksville Bylaw No. 1320, Part 2(7). Contravention of the bylaw may result in fines.

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### For more information:

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