

Water Conservation Level 2 Now in Effect for Parksville

The City of Parksville wishes to remind residents that Water Conservation *Level 2* is now in effect in the City of Parksville. The City will monitor water supply and will advise should additional restrictions become necessary. Compliance will help to reduce demands on our water resources and the costs to operate the water utility.

It is important to note that with all conservation levels, the watering times or window to water is 6am to 10am and 6pm to 10pm. *Level 2* allows four hours total allocated watering hours per day.

Sprinkler Watering

Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered addresses may water on even numbered days (every other day frequency). Watering times are 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm and for no more than 2 hours in duration per period with a maximum of 4 hours of total allocated watering per day.

For multi-unit stratas, watering applications may be applied based on “unit numbers” or “irrigation zones” to achieve the net same level of watering on permitted days (i.e. half of the watering/ irrigation is undertaken on odd numbered days and half on even numbered days). This requires prior written consent of the City.

Landscape and Vegetable Gardens

Vegetable gardens, shrubs, trees and flowers are restricted to a hand held container or a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle if watered outside of the permitted days and/or times.

Vehicle and Boat Washing

Vehicles, RVs and boats may be washed during allotted watering times with water using a hand held container or hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle.

Driveways, Sidewalks, Parking Lots and Buildings

Persons may use City supplied potable water to wash sidewalks, driveways or parking lots and exterior building surfaces during allocated watering times.

Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Hot Tubs and Water Features

Swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, garden ponds and water features may be filled with water.

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. *The restrictions are outlined in City of Parksville Bylaw No. 1320, Part 2(7). Contravention of the bylaw may result in fines.*

At this time, it is expected that Level 2 will be in effect through August. Should it be necessary to move to further restrictions, the Water Conservation Levels are outlined here:

Level 3

Watering is as required; every other day with two hours total allocated watering hours per day.

Restrictions include:

- No washing of driveways or sidewalks
- Must use a hose equipped with a shutoff device for vehicle and boat washing
- No use of decorative fountains without re-circulated water
- No filling of residential swimming pools, wading pools, garden ponds or water features

Level 4 - Comprehensive Watering Ban

Restrictions include:

- No hosing of exterior building surfaces including windows, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks.
- No use of decorative fountains without re-circulated water.
- No watering of trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetables except by a hand held hose with a shutoff device or micro irrigation systems between 6am-10am and 6pm-10pm.
- No washing of vehicles or boats.
- No filling of a residential swimming pool, wading pool, garden ponds or decorative fountains.

Current Level		↓		
Water Conservation Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Effective Date	April, September and October	May, June, July and August	As required - See Notes Below	As required - See Notes Below
Frequency	Every other day	Every other day	Every other day	Comprehensive Watering Ban
Watering Times	6-10AM & 6-10PM	6-10AM & 6-10PM	6-10AM & 6-10PM	
Even Numbered Houses	Even Days	Even Days	Even Days	
Odd Numbered Houses	Odd Days	Odd Days	Odd Days	
Total Allocated Watering Hours Per Day	6	4	2	

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For more information:

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