

## **Saving water... don't waste a drop**

Vancouver Island is in a drought. Spring precipitation and snowpack levels were extremely low and streams are already at late August flows. We are asking residents to do their best to conserve water and wish to remind residents the City of Parksville is at water conservation Level 3.

Turn down your irrigation system, add mulch to your garden beds and consider letting your lawn go dormant during the summer. Level 3 applies to automatic irrigation systems and vehicle washing. Water use doubles during the summer when seasonal rainfall and river flows are at their lowest. It is important to reduce outdoor water use throughout the summer to ensure we meet peak and emergency demands.

Water conservation *Level 3* allows a total of two hours watering per watering day. Watering times are 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm on an every other day basis. Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered addresses may water on even numbered days for no more than one hour in duration per period with a maximum of two hours of total allocated watering per day.

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 times permitted.

### **Level 3 Restrictions**

- No washing of driveways or sidewalks
- Must use a hose equipped with a shutoff device for vehicle and boat washing
- No filling of residential swimming pools. Wading pools, hot tubs, garden ponds and water features may be filled with water.

*Here are some ways to save water:*

- Most lawns only need 2.5 cm of water each week.
- Let your lawn go dormant during the summer
- To reduce evaporation, keep your grass clippings on the lawn and mulch in your garden.

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### **For more information:**

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