

Water Conservation Level 1 in Effect on October 1

The water conservation level for October in the City of Parksville will be at Water Conservation Level 1 as outlined here:

- **Sprinkler watering** - odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered civic addresses may water on even numbered days. Watering times are 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm for no more than three (3) hours in duration per period with a maximum of six (6) hours of total allocated watering per day.

For multi-unit stratas the restrictions may be applied based on “unit numbers” or “irrigation zones” to achieve the same level of water use reductions on the permitted days (i.e. half of the watering/irrigation is undertaken on odd numbering days and half on even numbered days).

- **Landscape, vegetable gardens, shrubs, trees and flowers** - are restricted to be hand held container or a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle if watered outside of the times permitted.
- **Vehicle and boat washing vehicles** - may be washed with water using a hand-held container or hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle.
- **Driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and building persons** - may use City supplied potable water to wash sidewalks, driveways or parking lots and exterior building surfaces during periods when water restrictions are not in effect/ or during Level 1.
- **Swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, garden ponds and water features** – may be filled.

Permitted watering is outlined in the City’s Water Service System Bylaw No. 1320. Between May and October, water conservation is necessary to meet current water supply demands for drinking, fire protection and irrigation. The City implements water conservation measures in the form of four stages or levels. Please refer to the City’s website for more information [[Quicklinks/Water Conservation](#)]

The City of Parksville wishes to thank homeowners and businesses for their conservation efforts. Moving to Level 4 early in the summer helped us save more than 40% and efforts by residents and the City of Parksville to conserve water made it possible to meet water demands during peak times, satisfy river flows and maintain emergency water storage levels available for emergency firefighting purposes. Water conservation levels allow the City to better manage flows being released from the Arrowsmith Dam for both public consumption and fisheries benefits as over 60% of the flow in the Englishman River this summer was generated by the Arrowsmith Lake Reservoir; without it, the river would not be flowing.

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For more information:

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