

Parksville Adopts Region-wide Watering Restrictions

At the March 17 meeting, Parksville Council gave final adoption to a bylaw to change the City's watering restrictions. The change provides for a coordinated approach with the other water service providers within the Regional District of Nanaimo.

Following the drought and elevated levels of water restrictions experienced in 2015, it became apparent differing definitions of watering restrictions created confusion when communicating with residents. By creating a common framework across the entire region, customers within each water service area will have better clarity on watering restrictions and the coordinated framework will provide a consistent definition. Each provider will determine the appropriate level, based on the needs of the individual system.

The City is a partner in the Regional District of Nanaimo's Team WaterSmart program which will host a central website specific to the region's watering restrictions. This new website will show each water provider and the current restriction stage so the public and media will have a consistent, up-to-date location to retrieve information [Teamwatersmart.ca]. This new website is in addition to the information posted under water restrictions on the City of Parksville website at parksville.ca [Quicklinks/Water Restrictions]

Later this month, the City will mail information about the new water restriction stages to residents along with utility billings. The pamphlet is also available from City offices.

Between April and October, water restrictions are necessary to meet current water supply demands for drinking, fire protection and irrigation. The City will implement water restrictions in the form of four stages.

Stage 1	April and October consists of night-time lawn watering only, 7 pm to 7 am
Stage 2	May through September limits use to "even and odd day" watering.
Stage 3	Voluntary reductions on top of Stage 2
Stage 4	Bans non-essential water use

Please note that vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions and businesses which require water for operations are also exempt.

For more information:

Operations Department 250 248-5412

City of Parksville Watering Restrictions for 2016

WATERING RESTRICTION STAGE	1	2	3	4
EFFECTIVE DATES	April and October	May to September	Only as Required	
Frequency	Any Day	Every Other Day: Even# Houses – Even# Days Odd# Houses – Odd# Days	Voluntary Reductions on top of Stage 2	SPRINKLING BAN: Lawn Watering NOT PERMITTED
Lawn watering times	Between 7pm and 7am	Between 7-10am or 7-10pm for 2 hrs MAX		Between 7-10am or 7-10pm
Hand-watering, drip irrigation, micro irrigation	ANYTIME	ANYTIME		NOT PERMITTED
Washing vehicles, boats, houses (siding)	ANYTIME	ANYTIME		NOT PERMITTED
Filling fountains, pools, hot tubs	ANYTIME	ANYTIME		NOT PERMITTED
New lawn permits	Can apply for a permit	Can apply for a permit		NO PERMITS ISSUED
Pressure washing walkways, driveways, siding	ANYTIME	ANYTIME		ONLY prior to application of paint, preservative, stucco, or sealant
Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions, even Stage 4.				



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New Water Restrictions for City of Parksville Water Service System Bylaw 1320



Recent changes to the City of Parksville's watering restrictions provide for a coordinated approach with the other water service providers within the Regional District of Nanaimo.

Following the drought and elevated water restriction levels experienced in 2015, it was apparent differing watering restriction definitions created confusion for residents and businesses. With a common framework across the region, customers within each water service area will have greater clarity on watering restrictions.

While the definitions of water restriction stages will be consistent across the region, each water purveyor determines the level specific to their needs.

QUICK FACTS:

Stage 1 (April and October) consists of night-time watering only, 7 pm to 7 am.

Stage 2 (May through September) limits use to "even and odd day" watering.

Stage 3 requests further voluntary reductions prior to implementing a ban, enabling residents to choose where they cut back. Focus is on lawns and an opportunity to defer a comprehensive watering ban.

Stage 4 bans non-essential water use such as automated sprinkling, vehicle washing and outdoor surface washing when supplies are stressed.

Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions, even Stage 4.

Hand-watering – delivering water by hose with spring-loaded nozzle shutoff device or handheld container.

Businesses which require water for operations, essential municipal sports fields and nurseries are exempt.

Questions should be directed to the Operations Department, City of Parksville:
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Team Watersmart conservation partners are the City of Nanaimo, Regional District of Nanaimo, North Cedar Improvement District, SW Extension Waterworks District, Town of Qualicum Beach, Deep Bay Improvement District, Bowser Waterworks, Qualicum Bay Home Lake Waterworks and EPCOR French Creek.

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