

Residents Asked to Observe Stage 2 Watering Times

Stage 2 watering restrictions are now in effect in the City of Parksville. Stage 2 allows sprinkling every other day based on odd and even house numbers between the hours of 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for a maximum of two hours per day. Hand watering, drip irrigation and watering of vegetable gardens are permitted any time.

During May, with the warm dry weather, the City has observed water reservoir levels dropping throughout the night when they should be refilling. Generally, this can be attributed to the use of automatic sprinkler systems at night which is in contravention of Stage 2 watering times.

We are urging residents to observe Stage 2 watering times and as soon as possible adjust sprinkler systems to run between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm. These times also apply to multi-unit strata developments unless issued a special permit from the City of Parksville.

Should we continue to observe that City water reservoir levels are not refilling, it may become necessary to move to further restrictions; Stage 3 or Stage 4. Further restrictions which would be necessary to ensure water demands for essential household use, fire protection, environmental flows and irrigation purposes will continue to be met during the hot dry season.

Here are some suggestions of ways to further reduce water consumption:

- Reduce the lawn irrigation on your property by decreasing run times, cutting back on the number of watering days and refraining from sprinkling certain lawn areas.
- Retrofit old, inefficient irrigation systems.
- Add mulch/topsoil to aid in landscape water retention.
- Sweep outdoor surfaces such as driveways or decks with a broom rather than using a hose or power washing.
- Avoid washing vehicles or boats unnecessarily, unless for safety reasons (windows and headlights).

The City thanks those residents who are following current water restrictions and who understand the need for water conservation. For more information, please refer to:

<http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=377>

www.teamwatersmart.ca

<https://www.rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map>

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For more information:

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