

Water Restrictions Reduced to Stage 2

On September 13, the City of Parksville, along with all RDN water service areas, North Cedar Improvement District and EPCOR French Creek service areas will return to Stage 2 watering restrictions. This follows three months at Stage 3 heightened water restrictions in effect since June.

Drought conditions began early this spring with low snowpack accumulation, early snowmelt, low spring precipitation and early onset hot weather. These conditions are less acute now as cooler fall temperatures have arrived with intermittent rain. The City wishes to thank residents for adhering to the water restrictions as an important measure to ensure efficient outdoor water use when water resources are most stressed due to drought conditions. These measures help conserve water supply for fire protection, essential indoor use and aquatic habitat.

Stage 2 water restrictions allow 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 and drip irrigation are permitted anytime, as is vegetable garden watering. Stage 2 will remain in effect until October 1 when Stage 1 water restrictions (watering any day between 7 pm-7 am) take effect. All water restrictions will be lifted on November 1.

Detailed information about the City's water restrictions may be found on the City's [website](#). The City is a partner in the Regional District of Nanaimo's Team WaterSmart programs www.teamwatersmart.ca. To learn more about watering restrictions in the region, visit www.rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map. For drought information updates, please see the [Provincial Drought Portal](#).

For information about the City's water restrictions, please contact the operations department at 250 248-5412; ops@parksville.ca

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