

## Stage 2 Water Restrictions – April 1

On April 1, the City of Parksville along with customers of the nine RDN Water Service Areas, will begin following Stage 2 outdoor watering restrictions. Stage 2 means sprinkling can only occur on even days for even-numbered houses and on odd days for odd-numbered houses. Sprinkling is permitted for a maximum of two hours between 7 am to 10 am or 7 pm to 10 pm. Vegetable garden watering and drip irrigation are exempt from restrictions. Stage 2 will be in effect until further notice.

Snowpack accumulation is below average and we have experienced a drier than normal February and March. Groundwater levels in some areas of the region are tracking lower than usual for this time of year. Forecasts indicate potential for below normal precipitation this spring. Taking proactive water conservation measures early is necessary to ensure water demands for essential household use, fire protection, irrigation purposes and environmental flows as we prepare for a dry summer ahead.

We wish to assure residents, water provided through the Englishman River Water Service is thoroughly treated to destroy all viruses, including the coronavirus. We encourage our residents to conserve where possible.

### Resources:

City of Parksville water restrictions

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

Water service areas with watering restrictions

[www.rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map).

For tips on water conservation

[www.teamwatersmart.ca](http://www.teamwatersmart.ca).

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