

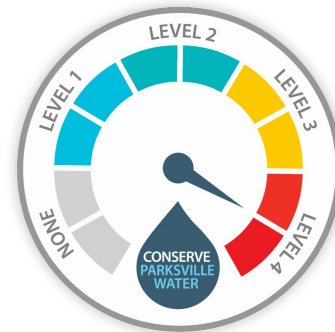
July 30, 2025



Comprehensive Water Ban - Water Conservation Efforts Essential

Effective August 1 and until further notice, the City of Parksville has moved to Level 4 water conservation, a comprehensive watering ban.

Through an operating order, the province determines the water levels in the Englishman River that must be maintained; the City releases water from the Arrowsmith dam to meet these requirements. The amount of water released from the Arrowsmith dam along with an analysis of how long we can continue to release water, guides the implementation of conservation levels. This ensures a high-quality water supply for our residents and the necessary water for fire safety as well as in-stream fish. In late June, to prolong the release of water from the dam, the City moved to Level 3. We continue to experience a significant shortfall in precipitation and with continued drought conditions forecast, as well as low stream flows, it is necessary to move to Level 4 water conservation.



LEVEL 4 WATER CONSERVATION

Level 4 helps to ensure the community's essential water needs for drinking water, hygiene and fire protection are met, and water flows for fish and aquatic habitats are

maintained. Level 4 aims to reduce the pressure on surface water and groundwater sources vulnerable to ongoing drought.

Outdoor watering

Level 4 includes a ban on all lawn watering activities. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from restrictions. Between 7 am and 10 am OR 7 pm and 10 pm, drip irrigation or micro irrigation and hand watering of gardens is permitted using a hand-held container or a hose equipped with shutoff device.

Washing of vehicles, RVs, boats, and buildings; filling of pools

Between 7 and 10 am OR 7 and 10 pm on assigned watering day, vehicles, RVs and boats may be washed using a hand-held container or hose equipped with shutoff nozzle. Washing of exterior building surfaces is banned UNLESS prior to application of paint, preservative, stucco, or sealant. Filling of swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, and garden pond water features is banned.

Detailed information about City of Parksville water conservation levels is available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#). The City is a partner in the Regional District of Nanaimo's [Team WaterSmart](#) programs. Please direct questions to the City's bylaw compliance department at bylaw@parksville.ca.

MORE INFO

Seeking Online Feedback on Transportation Master Plan

In July, Council received the transportation master plan as provided by the consultant. The plan along with engagement summary report, existing conditions report, future traffic analysis, and multi-modal maps may be viewed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#). We encourage residents to comment about the plan at [Let's Talk Parksville](#). Your comments will help to inform the 2026-2030 financial plan process set to begin in the fall. Public comments along with proposed transportation projects will be presented for Council consideration.

The new transportation master plan will be a guiding strategic document which will address current and future needs for all modes (auto, pedestrian, transit, cycling, and micro-mobility) and which supports the Official Community Plan. The goal is to provide a safe, efficient and accessible transportation network to support a high quality of life for residents and efficient mobility for all.

Looking for Comments About Canada Day Celebrations

Thank you for celebrating with us, Parksville! We are grateful to all who celebrated Canada Day with the City of Parksville in 2025. We first hosted Canada Day celebrations in 2024 and now with our experience from hosting two events, we would now like to hear from you.



We invite the community to share feedback on the 2025 Canada Day celebration.

Open until August 31, the survey may be accessed from [Let's Talk Parksville](#). Tell us what worked, what could be improved and what you would like to see included in a Canada Day celebration. Your input will help with planning for future events and ensure it meets the needs of the community. We appreciate your time to answer the questions; your comments will be passed along to Council for consideration in the fall. The day's activities are listed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and we've posted many good photos to [Facebook](#).



Parksville Fire Protection Area Campfire Ban

Until further notice, all open burning, including campfires, are banned in the City of Parksville and the surrounding fire protection area. The fire protection area encompasses the City of Parksville, French Creek areas bordering the City of Parksville to the edge of the fire protection area at Johnston and Drew Roads, San Pareil, Fourneau Road, Wildgreen Road, and Martindale Road areas. The ban applies to open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, firecrackers, sky lanterns, tiki torches, burning barrels and binary exploding targets. This ban has been implemented by the Parksville Fire Chief in conjunction with the ban implemented by the Coastal Fire Centre covering Vancouver Island and the south coast. Beach fires are not permitted at any time in Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area.

The ban does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes or portable campfire apparatus with a CSA or ULC rating using briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel that are not capable of producing a flame longer than 15 centimetres. Portable campfire apparatus that does not meet these conditions are prohibited. For the latest information on fire restrictions in the Parksville Fire Protection Area, visit parksvillefirerescue.ca or follow Parksville Fire on Facebook and Bluesky. For information on provincial wild fire activity, conditions and prohibitions, visit the [Wildfire Management Branch website](#) at bcwildfire.ca. To report a wildfire, call 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on a mobile phone.



The poster features a yellow background with a blue banner at the top. On the left is a circular logo for 'EMO OCEANSIDE' with the text 'We're Prepared. Are you?' around it. The main title 'EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO 2025' is in large, bold letters. Below the title, a red banner says 'FREE ADMISSION' followed by a list of activities. To the right, the date and time are listed, along with the venue name and address.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO 2025

FREE ADMISSION
Displays, demonstrations, workshops, kids' activities, and Quake Cottage, mobile earthquake simulator.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
10 am to 2 pm

QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE
747 JONES STREET

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 6 for Emergency Management Oceanside's Emergency Preparedness Expo 2025, a free fun way to learn about being prepared and the many resources that are available to Oceanside residents from local first responders, government agencies, emergency supply vendors, utilities, and emergency partners. Expo will also feature drop-in workshops, kids' activities, Quake Cottage and more. Saturday, September 6 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. Details will be posted at this [link](#).

Tax and Utility Payments Made Easier and More Convenient

The City offers **Preauthorized Withdrawal Service** or **PAWS**, a plan which allows taxpayers to contribute a fixed monthly payment towards their taxes and/or utilities bills based on an estimate of future amounts. Taxpayers can use PAWS if taxes are not being paid through a bank or mortgage company and there is no outstanding balance. The program is designed to help homeowners with easier budgeting for both property taxes and utility bills.

Check out program information, such as why to use PAWS, key benefits, and how to apply at [this link](#) and on our [website](#). For more info, contact the finance department at 250 248-6144 or cashier@parksville.ca.

REMINDERS AND THINGS WE'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW

Fall grant-in-aid program deadline is 4 pm, August 29. Non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational, or social services fields are eligible to apply. Info on program, policy, instructions, and application may be obtained from City Hall or from the [website](#).

Food trucks in Parksville Community Park, managed by the City are open 11 am to 7 pm, weather dependent. [Schedules are posted on our website](#) Facebook page, [Parksville Food Trucks \(Summer 2025\)](#), is a great place for food trucks to advertise and the community to post Parksville food truck experiences and photos.

Recycle BC pop-up depot in Parksville will continue through 2025, accepting free of charge, flexible plastic packaging, white and coloured foam packaging, glass packaging and paper packaging and cardboard. Materials may be dropped off from 10 am to 3 pm at 1080 Industrial Way. For dates, visit [Recycle BC](#).

Summer in Parksville

Our region is always busy in July and August with so many events and activities. Great place to checkout Oceanside [event listings](#) and

things to do is Parksville Qualicum Beach Tourism Association website. Here are some sites to watch as well:

Parksville Beach Festival

Quality Foods Sand Sculpting Exhibition, Art in the Park, Tim Hortons Summer Concert Series, Beachfest Rocks Music Festival, Sculpture LightUp! and the Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy.



Summer by the Sea Street Market

Tuesday evenings on Craig Street, from 6-9 pm through August 26.

Parksville Downtown Business Association

Events at Memorial Plaza such as Picnic in the Plaza, Friday night food trucks, Dance with Me at Memorial, Memorial Plaza Makers' Market, and Rock the Plaza.

CITY DATES

Monday, August 4

Monday, September 1

Wednesday, September 3

Saturday, September 6

Tuesday, September 30

Monday, October 6

BC Day (offices closed)

Labour Day (offices closed)

Council Meeting

Emergency Preparedness Expo 2025

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (offices closed)

Council Meeting

For more information:

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