

## Comprehensive Water Ban in Effect – Use Water Wisely

Effective July 3 and until further notice, the City of Parksville will move to Level 4 water conservation, a comprehensive watering ban. This change to level 4 is a result of little to no rain forecast in the region for the coming weeks, continued drought conditions, and a need to maintain in-stream environmental flow requirements in the Englishman River.

The City’s priority is to ensure a high-quality water supply for our residents and the necessary water usage for fire safety and in-stream flow needs. For these reasons, it is necessary to move to level 4 water conservation.

### LEVEL 4

#### 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

All lawn watering activities are not permitted. 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 days, vehicles, RVs and boats may be washed using a hand-held container or hose equipped with shutoff nozzle. Washing of exterior building surfaces is not allowed UNLESS prior to application of paint, preservative, stucco, or sealant. Filling of swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, and garden pond water features is not permitted.

Detailed information about 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](mailto:bylaw@parksville.ca).

 Frequency	<b>SPRINKLING BAN</b> LAWN WATERING NOT PERMITTED
 Lawn Watering times	
 Washing vehicles, RVs, boats, buildings (siding)	Between 7-10 am OR 7-10 pm (on your watering day)
 Hand-watering, drip irrigation, micro irrigation	Between 7-10 am OR 7-10 pm
 Filling fountains, pools, hot tubs	NOT PERMITTED
 Pressure washing walkways, driveways, buildings (siding)	ONLY prior to application of paint, preservative, stucco, or sealant
 New lawn permits	NO PERMITS ISSUED

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#### For more information:

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*The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*