



News Release

Stage 3 Outdoor Water Use Restrictions in Effect August 26

Sechelt, BC – August 24, 2016— Our water supply is at risk due to prolonged dry weather. Effective August 26, and until further notice, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has declared Stage 3 outdoor water use restrictions for SCRD water customers.

Water use restrictions help ensure that demand does not exceed the capacity of our water supply and distribution system. Restrictions also ensure there is enough water for fire protection and to maintain flows in creeks for fish and fish habitat.

Stage 3 Water Use Restrictions – **BAN ON SPRINKLING AND OTHER OUTDOOR WATER USE**

DO NOT:

- Use sprinklers to water lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetables, including newly seeded or sodded lawns.
- Use hoses to wash sidewalks, driveways, vehicles, boats or equipment.
- Fill residential swimming pools, hot tubs, wading pools, garden ponds, or decorative fountains.

PLEASE DO:

- Use hand held containers or hand held hoses with shut-off devices for watering trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetables.
- Conserve water with every opportunity inside your home.
- Continue to use micro-irrigation or drip-irrigation systems that consume less than 20 gallons per hour and operate at 25 psi or less.

Water Conservation education and enforcement have increased. Avoid fines and protect your drinking water supply by following the outdoor water use restrictions above. For more information, contact the SCRD at 604-885-6806. Visit www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations for details on water use restrictions.

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