



## News Release

### Stage 3 Outdoor Water Use Restrictions Now in Effect

Sechelt, BC – August 13, 2018— Our drinking water supply is at risk due to prolonged dry weather. Effective immediately and until further notice, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has declared Stage 3 outdoor water use restrictions for SCRD water users south of Pender Harbour.

In the Town of Gibsons, only Zone 3 will declare Stage 3 outdoor water use restrictions. For more details on the Town of Gibsons watering restrictions, visit [www.gibsons.ca/services/water/water-restrictions](http://www.gibsons.ca/services/water/water-restrictions).

Ground water sources in Langdale, Soames Point and Granthams Landing will follow Stage 2 Outdoor Water Use Restrictions.

Customers on SCRD water from Pender Harbour to Earl's Cove/Egmont will remain at Stage 1 until further notice.

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 USES**

##### **DO NOT:**

- hand water or use micro-irrigation or drip irrigation systems to water lawns;
- use a sprinkler to water a lawn, including newly seeded or sodded lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetables, at any time;
- use water to wash sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, exterior windows, decks, fences or building surfaces unless required to comply with health and safety;
- use water to wash a vehicle, boat or equipment except to wash salt water from equipment (e.g. outboard motor); and
- use water to fill a swimming pool, spa, garden pond, or decorative fountain.

##### **PLEASE DO:**

- use a handheld hose equipped with a spray-trigger nozzle, a hand-held container, micro-irrigation or drip-irrigation systems to water trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetables;
- conserve water with every opportunity inside and outside your home.
- 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. For more information about current restrictions or reporting an infraction, please visit [www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations](http://www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations) or call 604-885-6806.

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