



## News Release

### Sunshine Coast Regional District Announces Ban on all Outdoor Tap Water Use

Sechelt, BC – August 28, 2018— Our water supply is at risk due to prolonged dry weather. Effective **Friday, August 31, 2018** and until further notice, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has declared Stage 4 outdoor water use restrictions for all regional water customers south of Pender Harbour.

In the Town of Gibsons, only Zone 3 will declare Stage 4 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.

Stage 4 Outdoor Water Use Restrictions includes a **BAN ON ALL OUTDOOR TAP WATER USE**. Under these drought conditions, water use priorities focus on water for human health, firefighting and environmental flows.

#### **DO NOT:**

- Use tap water for any outdoor water use, this includes tap water through garden hoses, watering cans, irrigation systems or laid sprinklers
- Fill swimming pools, hot tubs, wading pools, garden ponds and fountains
- Wash driveways, sidewalks, vehicles, boats or other equipment
- Use power washers

#### **PLEASE DO:**

- Conserve water with every opportunity inside your home

In addition to water conservation measures, the SCRD is working to deploy an emergency backup system to access water at Chapman Lake. It is further recognized in the SCRD's Comprehensive Regional Water Plan that the water supply needs to be expanded and the SCRD has been working to move this plan forward.

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.

In response to local drought conditions, the Sunshine Coast Regional District is taking steps to manage our own water consumption and water use:

- Sports fields are no longer being irrigated.
- Ice installation at the Sunshine Coast Arena will use another water source.
- The hot tub at the Sechelt Aquatic Centre will close on Friday, August 31.
- The water park at Shirley Macey Park has been closed.
- The vehicle fleet as well as BC Transit buses are no longer being washed.
- The annual water main flushing program has been postponed in the Chapman water system area.

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