



## News Release

### Stage 2 Outdoor Water Use Restrictions in Effect July 5

Sechelt, BC – June 28, 2018—Effective Thursday, July 5, and until further notice, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has declared Stage 2 outdoor water use restrictions for all regional water customers. All those on the Pender Harbour systems remain at Stage 1 until further notice.

After a historic drier and warmer May, June has also been relatively warm and dry. The weather outlook by Environment Canada is showing a similar pattern. Given the current water supply situation the SCRD now requires community members to increase their water conservation efforts.

Outdoor water use restrictions are part of the region's water conservation goal to reduce water consumption per person by 33% by 2020. Restrictions help ensure that demand does not exceed the capacity of our water supply and distribution system and also ensures that there is always enough water for fire protection on the Coast.

Sprinklers, soaker hoses, irrigation systems and other watering devices can be used for outdoor watering according to the Stage 2 schedule below:

- For even addresses outdoor watering is allowed Thursday and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- For odd addresses outdoor water use is allowed on Wednesday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Hand held hoses with shut-off devices can be used anytime for watering trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetables.

Hosing of sidewalks and driveways, windows or exterior building surfaces is not allowed except to pressure wash surfaces to prepare for paint, etc., or as required for health and safety.

Rain sensors are required on all irrigation systems to prevent watering in the rain. Micro and drip irrigation systems are exempt from the watering restrictions because they are water-conserving systems. This exemption is particularly useful for the agricultural community.

Permits for watering beyond the allowable times in order to establish new lawns (seed or sod) will not be issued at Stage 2. New lawns should not be established during the summer season.

Water Conservation education and enforcement has increased. Avoid fines and protect your drinking water supply by following the above water use restrictions. For more information, contact the SCRD at 604-885-6806 or the Town of Gibsons 604-886-2274. Visit [www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations](http://www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations) for details on water use restrictions.