



News Release

Stage 1 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect

Sechelt, BC – May 13, 2019 — Stage 1 water conservation regulations come into effect annually in May. The Stage 1 regulations apply to all local government water service areas until further notice.

To help prioritize water use for food production, lawn sprinkling regulations have changed.

Sprinklers, or soaker hoses can be used to water lawns according to the Stage 1 schedule:

- For even numbered addresses, lawn sprinkling is allowed Thursday and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- For odd numbered addresses, lawn sprinkling is allowed on Wednesday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Sprinklers, or soaker hoses can be used to water trees, shrubs, flowers and food producing plants and trees according to the Stage 1 schedule:

- For even numbered addresses, sprinkling is allowed Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- For odd numbered addresses, sprinkling is allowed on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Commercial food producing farms paying a metered rate for water are exempt from Stage 1 restrictions.

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

Permits are available for watering beyond the allowable times in order to establish new lawns (seed or sod). Permits are only available during Stage 1 (Normal) outdoor water use, for a period of 21 days or until Stage 3 (Acute) is declared. Permits are available at the SCRD Field Road office.

Pressure washing sidewalks and driveways, windows or exterior building surfaces is permitted only during Stage 1.

Projects to increase the water supply will not be completed this year. Help conserve your drinking water supply by following the sprinkling schedule above. For more information, contact the SCRD at 604-885-6806 or the Town of Gibsons 604-886-2274. Visit www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations for details on water conservation regulations.

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