



News Release

Stage 3 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect August 8

Sechelt, BC – August 4, 2020—Our water supply is at risk due to prolonged dry weather and lack of significant amount of rain forecasted for the foreseeable future. Effective August 8, and until further notice, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has declared Stage 3 (Acute) water conservation regulations for water users south of Pender Harbour.

Ground water sources in Langdale, Soames Point and Granthams Landing will follow Stage 2 water conservation regulations.

Ground water sources in Eastbourne will remain at Stage 4 water conservation regulations.

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

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

LAWNS:

Lawn watering is **not permitted**.

TREES, SHRUBS OR FLOWERS:

- Watering with sprinklers or soaker hoses **is not permitted**.
- Watering with hand held hoses with spray trigger nozzles, hand held containers or micro/drip-irrigation **is permitted from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. any day of the week.**

FOOD PRODUCING PLANTS AND TREES:

- Watering with sprinklers or soaker hoses **is not permitted**.
- Watering with hand held hoses with spray trigger nozzles, hand held containers or micro/drip-irrigation **is permitted any time**.

COMMERCIAL FOOD PRODUCING FARMS:

- Commercial food producing farms paying a metered rate for water are exempt from Stage 3 regulations.

WASHING VEHICLES OR BOATS:

- **Permitted** only to wash off sea water.

WASHING SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS, WINDOWS OR EXTERIOR BUILDING SURFACES:

- **Not permitted** except for health and safety.

Filling swimming pools, spas, garden ponds, or fountains is not permitted.

SCR D staff patrol neighbourhoods on a regular basis to enforce regulations and to deliver educational materials. Complaints are also investigated.

Help conserve your drinking water supply by following these regulations. 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 more details.

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