



## News Release

### Stage 2 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect July 10

Sechelt, BC – June 30, 2020—Effective July 10 and until further notice, the SCRD has declared Stage 2 water conservation regulations for SCRD water users south of Pender Harbour. All those on water systems in Pender Harbour remain at Stage 1 until further notice.

This year the snowpack in early May is comparable to that of 2019. However, the rain and cooler weather over the last two months has resulted in Stage 2 water conservation regulations to be declared one month later than in 2019 when regulations came into effect on June 7.

Regulations 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.

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

#### **LAWNS:**

Lawn watering is **not permitted**. Watering permits to establish new lawns (seed or sod) will not be issued at Stage 2 but existing permits are still valid.

#### **TREES, SHRUBS OR FLOWERS:**

- Sprinklers or soaker hoses can be used two days per week on Thursday and Sunday for even numbered addresses from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and on Wednesday and Saturday for odd numbered addresses from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Hand held hoses with spray trigger nozzles, hand held containers or micro/drip-irrigation can be used anytime.

#### **FOOD PRODUCING PLANTS AND TREES:**

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- Hand held hoses with spray trigger nozzles, hand held containers or micro/drip-irrigation can be used any time.

#### **COMMERCIAL FOOD PRODUCING FARMS:**

- Commercial food producing farms paying a metered rate for water are exempt from Stage 2 regulations.

#### **WASHING VEHICLES OR BOATS:**

- Permitted with container, hand-held hose with spray trigger nozzles, or commercial car washes.

#### **WASHING SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS, WINDOWS OR EXTERIOR BUILDING SURFACES:**

- Permitted only for preparing surfaces for painting or paving and for health and safety.

Filling swimming pools, spas, garden ponds, or fountains is permitted.

SCRD 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 SCRД 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 more details.

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