



## **News Release**

### **Stage 1 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect May 1**

Sechelt, BC – April 19, 2021 — In order to conserve water and meet high demand through our potentially hot dry summers, each year the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) brings in Stage 1 water conservation regulations on May 1.

These regulations are separated into two categories – using sprinklers or soaker hoses to water lawns and or using sprinklers or soaker hoses to water flowers, shrubs, trees and food producing plants.

Watering schedules are set based on your home address.

#### **Watering Lawns**

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

- 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.

#### **Watering trees, shrubs, flowers and food producing plants**

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.

#### **Exemptions from Stage 1**

- During Stage 1 water restrictions, hand held hoses with shut-off devices can be used anytime for watering lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetables.
- Commercial food producing farms paying a metered rate for water are exempt from Stage 1 regulations.
- Pressure washing sidewalks and driveways, windows or exterior building surfaces is permitted only during Stage 1.

## **Outside of allowable times**

If you need to establish a new lawn, permits are available for watering beyond the allowable times in stage 1. Permits are only available during Stage 1 (Normal) outdoor water use, for a period of 21 days or until Stage 3 (Acute) is declared. If you require a permit call 604-885-6806 or email [infrastructure@scrd.ca](mailto:infrastructure@scrd.ca).

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

“The amount of snow on the mountains is above average which is positive as we look ahead to the summer, however, in the past we have still required Stage 3 and Stage 4 water conservation regulations with a similar snowpack,” says Remko Rosenboom, General Manager of Infrastructure Services at the SCRd. “I encourage all residents to adhere to Stage 1 regulations and think now about how you are going to conserve water into the summer.”

For more information, contact the SCRd at 604-885-6806. Visit [www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations](http://www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations) for details on water conservation regulations.

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