



News Release

Stage 2 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect August 20 in South Pender Harbour

Sechelt, BC – August 17, 2021—Effective August 20, 2021 and until further notice, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has declared Stage 2 water conservation regulations for SCRD water users in South Pender Harbour.

SCRD water users on the Egmont, Earls Cove, and North Pender Harbour water systems remain at Stage 1 until further notice.

Water conservation 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.

The new regulations are outlined below:

WATERING LAWNS:

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

WATERING 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.

WATERING FOOD PRODUCING PLANTS AND TREES:

- 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 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Wednesday and Saturday for odd numbered addresses from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Hand held hoses with spray trigger nozzles, hand held containers or micro/drip-irrigation can be used any time.

EXEMPTION FOR 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

- Permitted.

“Due to the long stretch of hot, dry weather this summer, South Pender Harbour residents and businesses are encouraged to follow Stage 2 water conservation regulations to help maintain supply for the remainder of the summer,” says Remko Rosenboom, General Manager of Infrastructure Services at the SCRD. “The current demand is frequently exceeding the maximum amount of water that we are allowed to use under our Water Licences. In combination with dropping lake levels at McNiel Lake, additional water conservation is required. We appreciate the community’s conservation efforts at this time to help ensure there is enough water available for domestic needs and fire protection”.

SCRD staff patrol neighbourhoods on a regular basis to enforce regulations. Staff follow up on all complaints received.

The SCRD will issue warnings to properties in violation of regulations and provide information about water conservation regulations. If there is continued non-compliance, bylaw officers will issue a Bylaw Enforcement Notice and a fine of \$300.

Complaints may be submitted through www.scrd.ca/bylaw-complaint-form, 604-885-6806, or infrastructure@scrd.ca.

Visit www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations for details on water conservation regulations.

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