



News Release

Water Users - Put A Dent in Your Percent

Sechelt, BC – August 19, 2021— As water use remains high through Stage 4 Water Conservation Regulations, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is appealing for all water users on the Chapman Water System to make small changes everyday and to “Put a Dent in Your Percent.”

So what does this mean? Well, if everyone reduces their water use by just 10% it will make a substantial difference as SCRD staff work hard to secure our water supply.

“We need to put frustrations aside with the current water situation and instead come together to help secure our water supply,” says Lori Pratt, SCRD Board Chair. “We are in a crucial period right now, where decisions that you make around your water use will make a difference as we look ahead to more dry weather in the coming weeks.”

There are three simple actions that the SCRD is asking everyone to take in their home.

1. Half your shower time
2. Don't flush your toilet as often
3. Run washing machines and dishwashers on full loads

How can you save 10%?

Half your shower time
Less time in the shower = more water saved.

Don't rush to flush
If it's **yellow** let it mellow. Each toilet flush can use up to 20 litres of water.

Full loads = Big water savings
Don't run half loads on dishwashers or washing machines. Run when they are full and save water.

 Share your water conservation tips at www.scrd.ca/letstalk

The graphic features a dark blue background with white text and icons. On the left, a hand holds a globe. In the center, a piggy bank is shown with blue water inside. On the right, a white toilet is depicted. The SCRD logo is in the bottom left corner.

Residents are encouraged to visit the “Put a Dent in Your Percent” page at letstalk.scrd.ca/save-water. On this page you can share water conservation tips and have your questions answered about Stage 4 Water Conservation Regulations. Please note that you do not have to register or sign up to share advice or ask questions on this page.

“We are currently using on average about 12.5 million litres of water in the Chapman Water System per day,” says Remko Rosenboom, General Manager of Infrastructure Services. “This is not sustainable, so we need to get our daily use below 11 million litres per day. This is just an initial target, as we continue to work to reduce consumption, potentially towards a level that we might be able to sustain in an emergency situation. Such an emergency level could be below 9 million litres a day, even as low as 6 million litres depending on the emergency water supply sources we are able to secure.”

Every weekday, the SCRD will post updates on our water use as we work to bring daily consumption down. These updates will be available on [Let's Talk SCRD](#) and the [SCRD's Facebook](#) Page.

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