



News Release

Stage 3 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect July 23

Sechelt, BC – July 19, 2021—Our water supply is at risk due to prolonged dry weather. **Effective Friday, July 23**, and until further notice, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has declared Stage 3 (Acute) water conservation regulations for the water users on the Chapman Water System.

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

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

For the Eastbourne Water System, Stage 4 water conservation regulations have been declared effective Wednesday, July 21.

Water conservation regulations help ensure that demand does not exceed the capacity of our water supply and distribution system, and ensures that there is enough water for fire protection.

STAGE 3 WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

WATERING LAWNS:

- **Not permitted.**

WATERING 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.**

WATERING 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.**

EXEMPTION FOR 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.

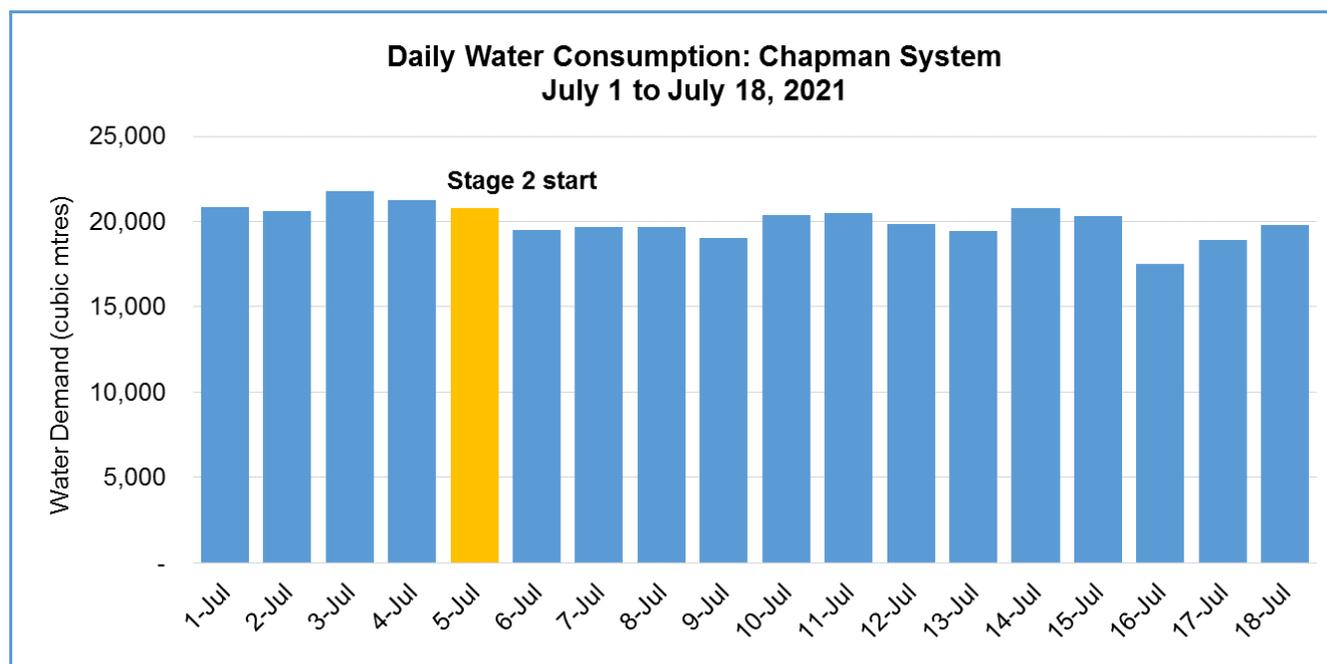
WASHING SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS, WINDOWS OR EXTERIOR BUILDING SURFACES:

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

FILLING SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS, GARDEN PONDS, OR FOUNTAINS

- Not permitted.

“Despite our communication with residents about the need to conserve water through Stage 2 regulations, water consumption has not decreased and the Chapman Creek watershed supply has decreased more compared to previous years,” says Remko Rosenboom, SCRD General Manager of Infrastructure Services. “At this time, we really need residents to conserve water at every opportunity, inside and outside the home. The community’s efforts will keep us in Stage 3 for as long as possible and decrease the chance of escalating to a complete ban on outdoor water use (Stage 4).”



ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS

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 \$400.

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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