



News Release

Conserve Water Now

Sechelt, BC - July 30, 2021- As we enter day 43 of no rain and approach another few days of increasing temperatures on the Sunshine Coast, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is once again reaching out to ask residents to conserve water now.

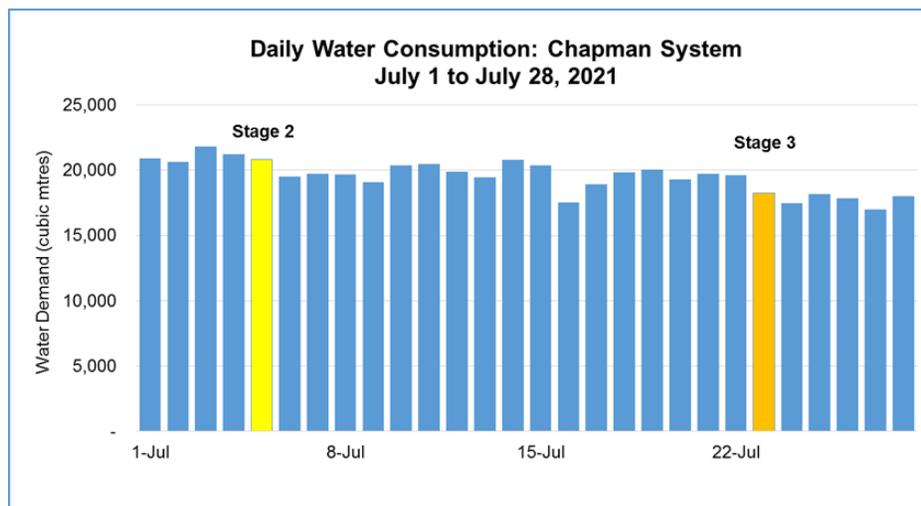
As a reminder, the following water conservation regulations are currently in place.

- Chapman Water System – [Stage 3](#)
- Eastbourne – [Stage 4](#)
- All other water systems – [Stage 1](#)

“During the last heatwave, the Chapman Water Treatment Plant was at capacity as we saw a significant spike in water use,” says Remko Rosenboom, General Manager of Infrastructure Services. “This spike strained our system to its maximum capability so please conserve water and follow the Stage 3 water conservation regulations.”

Since Stage 3 water conservation regulations were brought in, water use has declined slightly but more still needs to be done. The SCRD is asking residents to please be as aware of their water use inside of the home and as they are outside of the home. This means shorter showers, running washing machines and dishwashers on full loads only and making sure that any leaks within your home are fixed promptly. The SCRD is also asking that accommodation providers make visitors to the Sunshine Coast aware of the water conservation regulations that are in place and ensure that they are adhered to.

Water use on the Chapman system for the last month is outlined below along with dates when Stage 2 and Stage 3 water regulations came into place.



“The Board is receiving regular updates from our senior leaders at the SCRD on the water supply situation and join them in asking everyone to keep conservation top of mind,” says Lori Pratt, SCRD Chair. “We are facing the same challenges as many other areas across the Province, with a hot, dry summer we need to ensure that we can secure our water supply in the months ahead.”

As you can see from the images below, the lack of rain and the release of water from the lake has caused water levels in Chapman Lake to decline considerably. The images below were taken just 40 days apart with the majority of the decline occurring over the last 22 days



June 18, 2021



July 28, 2021

In order to supplement supply on the Chapman system, the SCRD has brought the Gray Creek supply online. Residents of Tuwanek, Sandy Hook and Sechelt will be supplied water from this source.

The SCRD will be providing information weekly on our website and on social media to keep the community informed about our water supply.

To find these updates and information on current regulations please visit www.scrd.ca/sprinkling-regulations

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