



## News Release

### Stage 2 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect July 5

Sechelt, BC – June 21, 2021—Effective July 5 and until further notice, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has declared Stage 2 water conservation regulations for SCRD water users south of Pender Harbour.

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

“While the recent rain has been beneficial from a water supply perspective, the current warm weather is resulting in a rapid snow melt in the Chapman watershed and it is expected that water supply contributions from snow in the watershed will end in early July,” says Remko Rosenboom, General Manager, Infrastructure Services. “Water levels in Chapman Creek are expected to start decreasing shortly afterwards, triggering the need to reduce water demand by the community.”

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.

#### **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:**

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#### **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.

“Over the course of the Summer months, the SCRD will be providing a lot of communication to residents on the current water conservation regulations,” says Rosenboom. “If there is evidence that water regulations are not being followed, we will investigate and issue fines when appropriate.”

SCRD staff patrol neighbourhoods on a regular basis to enforce regulations and to deliver educational materials. Complaints are also investigated. Fines issued at Stage 2 are \$300. Complaints may be submitted through the Bylaw complaint form on the website, by phone, or by email to [infrastructure@scrd.ca](mailto:infrastructure@scrd.ca).

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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