



News Release

Water Conservation Regulations Patrols and Enforcement to Begin

Sechelt, BC – June 7, 2021—Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) has started regular neighbourhood patrols to enforce current water conservation regulations and to deliver materials aimed at providing continued education to communities in the region.

Water restrictions are currently at [Stage 1](#) and each year as the stages progress, the SCRD steps up neighborhood patrols to ensure that restrictions and guidelines are being adhered to.

The SCRD uses a very measured approach when it comes to reports of violations and patrolling in neighbourhoods.

All complaints receive follow up. 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.

Fines increase as water conservation stages progress:

- Stage 1 at \$200,
- Stage 2 at \$300,
- Stage 3 at \$400,
- Stage 4 at \$500.

“Over the course of the Summer months, the SCRD will be providing a lot of communication with residents on water conservation and we ask that you take the time to understand what the regulations are for each of the stages,” says Remko Rosenboom, General Manager of Infrastructure Services. “If there is evidence that water regulations are not being followed, we will investigate and issue fines.”

Regulations help ensure that demand does not exceed the capacity of the water supply and distribution system and also ensures that there is always enough water for fire protection. Regulations apply only to the use of treated drinking water, not to the use of rainwater, private well water or any forms of recycled water.

Further information about water conservation and how you can make a complaint can be located at www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations

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