



## News Release

### Stage 1 Water Conservation Regulations in Effect May 1

Sechelt, BC – April 25, 2022 — Each year, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) brings in Stage 1 water conservation regulations on May 1. Regulations are designed to promote water conservation and to ensure water supply and treatment systems can meet the seasonal increase in demand from outdoor water use. Regulations can increase during the summer, to higher Stages, during times of low rainfall and high water use.

These regulations apply to all SCRD water customers on the Sunshine Coast.

Regulations define the types of watering allowed and separate plants into categories which include: lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers; and food producing plants. Watering schedules are set based on your home address. The water schedules for Stage 1 are outlined below and can also be [viewed here](#) on the SCRD Website.

#### Stage 1 Watering Schedule

##### Watering Lawns

Sprinklers, soaker hoses or micro spray can be used to water lawns according to the Stage 1 schedule which is:

- For even numbered addresses, lawn sprinkling is allowed Thursday and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- For odd numbered addresses, lawn sprinkling is allowed on Wednesday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

##### Watering trees, shrubs, flowers and food producing plants

Sprinklers, soaker hoses or micro spray can be used to water trees, shrubs, flowers and food producing plants and trees according to the Stage 1 schedule:

- For even numbered addresses, sprinkling is allowed Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- For odd numbered addresses, sprinkling is allowed on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

During Stage 1 water conservation regulations, hand held hoses with nozzles, hand held containers, or drip-irrigation can be used anytime for watering lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers or food producing plants and trees.

Rain sensors are required on all irrigation systems to prevent watering in the rain.

Commercial food producing farms paying a metered rate for water are exempt from Stage 1 regulations.

### **Other uses of water**

Pressure washing sidewalks and driveways, windows or exterior building surfaces is permitted only during Stage 1.

### **Enforcement**

SCRD staff patrol neighbourhoods on a regular basis to enforce regulations and to deliver educational materials. All complaints are investigated and may result in fines being issued.

“Last year we experienced severe drought on the Sunshine Coast with Stage 4 water conservation regulations in place for 41 days,” says Remko Rosenboom, General Manager of Infrastructure Services. “We do not know what weather the coming months will bring so I am asking all Sunshine Coast residents to get ready for Summer, adhere to water conservation regulations and help us protect our vital water supply.”

For more information, contact the SCRCD at 604-885-6806 or [infrastructure@scrd.ca](mailto:infrastructure@scrd.ca). Visit [www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations](http://www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations) for details on water conservation regulations.

The SCRCD is working to expand water supply on the Sunshine Coast with the Church Road Well Field. This project will increase water supply on the Chapman Water System and is due to be completed by September 2022. Further information can be found at [letstalk.scrd.ca/church-road](http://letstalk.scrd.ca/church-road).

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