

Get Ready for Summer



Water Stewardship is our shared responsibility.

BC's climate is changing. Sunshine Coast summers are getting hotter and drier, and this year our snowpack is again below average. While we cannot control the weather, we can control how we use water. Simple everyday actions like watering wisely, reducing outdoor use, and fixing leaks help protect the water we all rely on. Many households in our community are already making small changes to use water more wisely.

This summer, join thousands of your neighbours who have already taken steps to become Water Stewards and help keep our drinking water secure.

Five Simple Steps to Water Stewardship this Summer



1. Stay informed about your water use.

Register with the online portal mySCRD if your property has transitioned to volumetric rates (North and South Pender) or subscribe for your Monthly Water Use Update.



2. Check for leaks

 and fix them early. Inspect irrigation systems, hoses, and toilets for leaks.

3. Harvest rainwater

 for gardening. Apply for an SCRD rebate first, then purchase and install a rain cistern.

4. Adopt one new water efficient habit

 in your household or garden this year. Every drop counts!

5. Visit part of a watershed

 to connect with where your water comes from.

Find out more about Water Stewardship here:

Visit scred.ca/water-stewardship

or scan the QR code with your smart-phone camera.



SCRD Water Stewardship Highlights

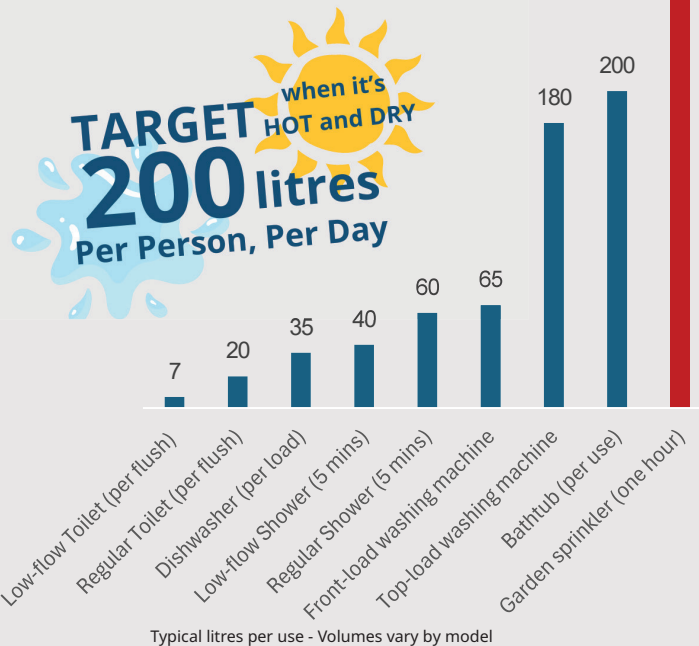
Water stewardship is a key priority in the SCRD's 2023–2027 Strategic Plan, and we are taking action across our organization.

Planning for the future: Advancing new groundwater sources, including new well fields in Langdale and Sechelt.

Reducing losses: Using advanced leak-detection tools and operational improvements to cut water losses on SCRD water mains and reservoirs.

Non-potable water: Developing non-potable water systems at Cliff Gilker Park and Sunshine Coast Arena.

Find updates on water conservation stages in your area, water conservation tips, volumetric billing and more at scred.ca/water





Water Conservation Regulations

Regulations begin on May 1 every year.

See SCR D Bylaw 778 for full regulations

				STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	
WATERING							
STAGES CHANGE BASED ON COMMUNITY DEMAND AND WEATHER							
	Handheld container		Trees, flowers and shrubs	PERMITTED	4 hours/day max. 7am - 9am and 7pm - 9pm	1 hour/day max. 7am - 8am or 7pm - 8pm	
	Hose with spray-trigger nozzle			Food producing trees and plants	PERMITTED	PERMITTED	2 hours/day max. 7am - 8am and 7pm - 8pm
	Drip- Irrigation						
	Sprinkler Soaker hose Micro-spray		Lawns	TWO DAYS PER WEEK 7am - 8am Even numbered address: Thu/Sun Odd numbered address: Wed/Sat <i>(Hand watering is permitted at any time in Stage 1)</i>	NOT PERMITTED <i>(Hand watering is not permitted)</i>	NOT PERMITTED <i>(Hand watering is not permitted)</i>	
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WASHING							
	Handheld container		Sidewalks, driveways, windows, fences and exterior building surfaces	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED except for windows or preparing surfaces for painting or paving and for health and safety regulations.	NOT PERMITTED except for health and safety regulations.	
	Hose with spray-trigger nozzle or pressure washer			Vehicles and boats	PERMITTED	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED except to wash off sea water.
FILLING							
			Swimming pools and hot tubs	PERMITTED	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED	
				Garden ponds and fountains	PERMITTED	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED

STAGE 4

BAN ON ALL OUTDOOR WATER USE