

Watering Restrictions - Upgraded to Stage 2

Effective June 15, 2009, the City of Parksville will implement Stage 2 watering restrictions. Given the below normal precipitation and the possibility that dry/drought conditions may continue, this upgrade is necessary. The City will continue to monitor water supply and will advise should additional restrictions be warranted. **Watering times under Stage 2 are:**

Odd-numbered properties may water on Thursdays and Sundays
Even-numbered properties may water on Wednesdays and Saturdays

There should be no sprinkling at all in the City on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays
Watering times are 7 am to 10 am and 7 pm to 10 pm

Automated, programmable irrigation/drip systems may be operated between 1 am and 4 am on the designated days.

For housing complexes, water restrictions may be applied based on "unit numbers" or on "irrigation zones" to achieve the level of water use reduction on the permitted days (i.e. half of the watering/irrigation on odd-numbered basis and half on even-numbered basis).

- Vegetable gardens, shrubs and flowers are restricted to hand watering (including a hand held hose, with or without spraying/water wand attachments) if watered outside the permitted days and/or times.
- Automobile washing is permitted during allotted watering times only, using a hand held container or a hose equipped with a shut off nozzle.
- Building, driveway and parking lot washing is permitted only for the preparation and/or application of products such as paint, preservative, sealant, stucco, brickwork or paving.

Special permits are available through City Hall or the Engineering and Operations Department for new landscaping. Permits will be valid for three weeks from the date of issuance and will allow sprinkling outside of restricted days/hours.

Watering restrictions are outlined in City of Parksville Bylaw No. 1320, Part 2(7). Contravention of the bylaw may result in fines. Your cooperation and compliance is appreciated and will help to reduce demands on our water resources and the costs of operating the water utility.

Questions should be directed to the Engineering & Operations Department at 250 248-5412.

	WATERING RESTRICTIONS		
Water Conservation Level	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Effective Date	May 1 – June 14	In Effect – June 15	
Frequency	Every other day	Twice per week	ALL OUTDOOR SPRINKLER WATERING IS PROHIBITED
Even Numbered Houses	Even Days	Wednesday & Saturday	
Odd Numbered Houses	Odd Days	Thursday & Sunday	
Watering Times	7 – 10 AM & 7 – 10 PM	7 – 10 AM & 7 – 10 PM	
Multi-Unit Stratas	May be applied based on unit numbers or irrigation zones (half on even days and half on odd days) Please advise Dept. of Public Works (250-248-5412) of the strata's chosen approach.	May be applied based on unit numbers or irrigation zones (half on Wed/Sat and half on Thurs/Sun) Please advise Dept. of Public Works (250-248-5412) of the strata's chosen approach.	ALL OUTDOOR SPRINKLER WATERING IS PROHIBITED
Landscaping & Vegetable Gardens	Restricted to use of hand-held containers or a hand-held hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle if outside watering times listed above.	Restricted to use of hand-held containers or a hand-held hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle if outside watering times listed above.	Restricted to use of hand-held containers or a hand-held hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle.
Vehicle, RV & Boat Washing	May be done during watering times listed above, using a hand-held container or a hose with a shut-off nozzle.	May be done during watering times listed above, using a hand-held container or a hose with a shut-off nozzle.	May only be washed at car dealerships and/or commercial car washes using recycled water or volumes not exceeding 57L of water per vehicle.
Driveways, Sidewalks, Parking Lots & Buildings	Permitted.	Permitted only as necessary for applying a product such as paint, preservative or stucco and/or for preparing a surface prior to paving or brickwork.	NOT PERMITTED AT ALL.
Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Hot Tubs & Water Features	All may be filled with water.	Filling of swimming pools IS NOT PERMITTED. Filling of wading pools, hot tubs and water features IS PERMITTED.	FILLING OF WADING POOLS ONLY, IS PERMITTED.