

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Level 3 Water Conservation Now in Effect in Parksville

PARKSVILLE, BC: Effective today, July 18, the City of Parksville has implemented *Level 3* water conservation levels. Water conservation *Level 3* allows a total of two hours watering per watering day. Watering times are 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm on an every other day basis. Detailed information is on City's website at <a href="http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wplD=377">http://www.parksville.ca/cms.asp?wplD=377</a> [*Quicklinks/Water Conservation*].

<u>Sprinkler Watering</u> - Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered civic addresses may water on even numbered days. Watering times are 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm and for no more than 1 hour in duration per period with a maximum of 2 hours of total allocated watering per day.

For multi-unit stratas, watering applications may be applied based on "unit numbers" or "irrigation zones" to achieve the net same level of watering on permitted days (i.e. half of the watering/ irrigation is undertaken on odd numbered days and half on even numbered days). This requires prior written consent of the City.

<u>Landscape and Vegetable Gardens</u> - Vegetable gardens, shrubs, trees and flowers are restricted to a hand held container or a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle if watered outside of the times permitted.

<u>Vehicle and Boat Washing</u> - Vehicles, RVs, and boats may be washed with water using a hand held container or hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle.

<u>Driveways, Sidewalks, Parking Lots and Buildings</u> - No person shall use City supplied potable water to wash sidewalks, driveways or parking lots and exterior building surfaces, except as necessary for applying a product such as paint, sealers, preservative and stucco, or preparing a surface prior to paving or brickwork.

<u>Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Hot Tubs and Water Features</u> - Filling of swimming pools is not permitted. Wading pools, hot tubs, garden ponds and water features may be filled with water.

The City will monitor water supply and advise should additional restrictions become necessary. Compliance will help to reduce demands on our water resources and related costs to operate the water utility.

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For more information:

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