

Level 3 Water Conservation in Effect June 6 in Parksville

PARKSVILLE, BC: The City of Parksville will introduce Level 3 Water Conservation regulations effective **Saturday, June 6.**

We are experiencing higher than normal water demands and are having difficulties extracting water from our existing surface water intake on the Englishman River. Rainfall in May 2015 was 5.6 millimetres compared to 39.0 millimetres for the same period in 2014. In 2014, Water Conservation Level 3 became necessary on July 29.

Sprinkler watering - 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 for no more than one hour in duration per period with a maximum of two hours total allocated watering per day.

LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Water conservation *Level 3* allows a maximum of two hours watering per watering day. Watering is between the hours of 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm on an every other day basis.

- No washing of driveways or sidewalks.
- When washing vehicles and boats, a hose equipped with a shutoff device must be used.
- No filling of residential swimming pools. Wading pools, hot tubs, garden ponds and water features may be filled.
- 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.

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).

Reduced water use at this time will help ensure a stable water supply this summer. Drought conditions, predictions of a warmer and drier summer and a record low snow pack in local mountains have resulted in the need to increase water use restrictions. Watering outside of the regulated period puts your water system and your neighbours, at risk. The largest demand on all water systems is lawn irrigation. Allowing your lawn to go brown would significantly reduce risks to your water supply and help ensure we can provide adequate supply to all residents.

Detailed information is on City’s website at [\[Quicklinks/Water Conservation\]](#). The City will monitor water supply and will advise residents should additional restrictions become necessary.

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