

# STAYING WATER WISE IN CAMPBELL RIVER

Summer/Fall 2023



It may look like there's a lot of water at the reservoir: but the amount of water available for our community to use is limited. That's why we're encouraging residents, businesses and visitors to do their part to conserve water, protect our water supply and ensure water is available now, and for future generations.

## WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS ARE ALSO IMPORTANT TO:

- Ensure there is enough water available for emergency firefighting activities
- Protect our watershed
- Keep demand within levels the City can deliver, amidst a growing population
- Save on operating costs and reduce energy consumption
- Help defer construction of new facilities until they are necessary
- Help avoid Stage 3 restrictions in the future



## TIPS TO REDUCE WATER USE



### INSIDE YOUR HOME

Here are some easy tips to scale down your indoor water consumption:

- Check your faucets, showers, and toilets for leaks
- Install faucet aerators to reduce the flow rate significantly and help save water
- Keep it quick when rinsing off – take shorter showers
- Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth or washing your face
- Install water-efficient plumbing appliances like low flow toilets or water-efficient showerheads
- Run full loads of laundry and full loads in the dishwasher
- Fill the sink to wash dishes instead of washing and rinsing individually

### OUTDOORS

Looking for ways to be water wise outdoors? Follow the tips below to use less water around your property:

- Water according to current restriction windows
- Use an automatic sprinkler system with a timer and rain sensor to water efficiently
- Check for uniform distribution of sprinkler water: use sprinklers that keep water close to the ground rather than send large clouds of mist into the air
- Keep the grass long and water your lawn in the morning or evening to prevent water loss due to evaporation
- When hand watering, control the flow of your hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle
- Check outdoor taps, hose connections and irrigation systems for leaks
- Re-use greywater from dishwashing, bathing and washing foods to water lawns and gardens
- Use a rain barrel to collect water for lawn or garden watering

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## WATER CONSERVATION TOOLS AVAILABLE

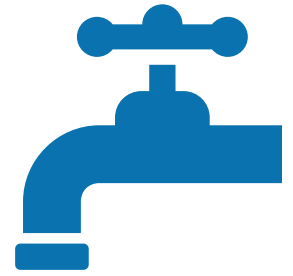
The City is happy to offer a FREE supply of the following items:

**DYE TABLETS:** Check for toilet leaks by using dye tablets.

**FLOW RATE BAG:** Quickly and easily test the flow rate of any showerhead or faucet to find out if your fixtures are water efficient.

**RAIN GAUGE:** Grass in the Campbell River area is not capable of absorbing any more than one inch of water per week. Measure this by placing a rain gauge on your lawn.

To get one of these items for free, contact the Water Wise team at 250-203-2316 or email us at [water.wise@campbellriver.ca](mailto:water.wise@campbellriver.ca).



### DID YOU KNOW?

Campbell River's average water use doubles during July and August, and on some hot days during peak periods, even exceeds system capacity.



## SAVE WATER AND MONEY WITH REBATE INITIATIVES

To promote the use of water efficient technologies, the City is offering the following rebate programs:

- **TOILET REBATE PROGRAM:** \$50 rebate to homeowners who install high efficiency toilets.
- **APPLIANCE REBATE PROGRAM:** \$50 rebate for installing ENERGY STAR washing machines and dishwashers.

To learn more about the application process, visit [campbellriver.ca/water-rebate-initiatives](http://campbellriver.ca/water-rebate-initiatives)

## GET IN TOUCH: USE THE WATER WISE HOTLINE

The City of Campbell River offers a water-wise hotline, where you can ask questions about water restrictions, conservation and rebates. To get in touch:

 **Call: 250-203-2316**

 **Email: [water.wise@campbellriver.ca](mailto:water.wise@campbellriver.ca)**