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Watering restrictions in place starting May 1

During last year's record breaking dry summer, the community of Campbell River stepped up to the challenges of being mindful of water use.

As of May 1, stage one watering restrictions are back in effect.

Stage one watering restrictions allow residents to water lawns during these times:

- Odd-numbered house addresses may water only on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 10 p.m.
- Even-numbered house addresses may water only on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 5 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 10 p.m.

Watering gardens, trees, shrubs and community gardens by hand or with spring-loaded type nozzles with automatic shut-off connected to the hose is allowed at any time during the day in all water restriction stages.

More information is available on the City website www.campbellriver.ca, including various permitted watering activities, watering restriction stages and schedules and watering times for non-residential properties.

Residents can also call the water hotline at 250-203-2316 or send questions via email to water.wise@campbellriver.ca.

To ensure that Campbell River residents and businesses are informed on which watering restriction stage is in effect, information signs are installed outside of the City's Dogwood Operations Centre and at the intersection of Rockland and Island Highway. A new information sign will be installed at Alder and Coronation in the next few weeks.

Guidelines for water conservation and lawn care:

- Mow lawns to a length of 3 inches or more, reducing moisture loss and sunburn.
- Set sprinklers to water for 20 minutes or less per lawn watering session.
- Water for a maximum of 2 sessions per week, encouraging deep root systems.
- Provide good aeration and drainage to create a healthy lawn.

City staff will be out and about in the community again this summer to educate people on the water restrictions and provide tips for using water more efficiently.

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