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New watering restrictions in place starting May 1

On May 1, stage one of the City's new watering restrictions comes into effect.

A new watering bylaw was passed last spring defining Campbell River watering restrictions in three stages. The changes were implemented to enable the City to better manage water demand during peak summer periods.

The bylaw defines three stages in watering restrictions that will be implemented based on the community's water use, weather and water supply availability. Stage three is the most restrictive and would be used in cases of extreme and sustained drought or inter-urban fire situations.

Currently, the community is in stage one watering restrictions, which 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 from 7 to 10 p.m.
- Even-numbered house addresses may water only on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 5 to 9 a.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m.

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

Find out more about watering activities, restrictions, schedule and stages, including watering times for non-residential properties on the City website at www.campbellriver.ca. Or call the water hotline at 250-203-2316 or send an email to water.wise@campbellriver.ca with additional questions.

To ensure that Campbell River residents and businesses are informed about the current watering restriction stage, information signs are installed outside of the City's Dogwood Operations Centre and at the intersection of Rockland and Island Highway.

The City suggests that residents follow these guidelines for water conservation and lawn care:

- Mow lawns to a length of three 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 two sessions per week, encouraging deep root systems.
- Provide good aeration and drainage to create a healthy lawn.

City staff will be out in the community to educate people on the new restrictions and on ways we can use water more efficiently.

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