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CAMPBELL RIVER NOW IN STAGE 2 WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Using water wisely helps maintain fire safety and protect the environment.

The City of Campbell River (the City) has initiated Stage 2 Watering Restrictions to reduce demand on the water system and protect the water supply during drought conditions. Residents are asked to conserve water to help meet the high residential water demand while maintaining enough water for fire safety.

The City enacted Stage 2 watering restrictions effective Wednesday, July 19, 2023. This limits watering lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs by irrigation to once a week.

Residential watering is permitted from 5 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. (Mondays for even-numbered addresses and Thursdays for odd-numbered addresses).

Non-residential watering is permitted from 1 to 5 a.m. (Wednesdays for even-numbered addresses and Tuesdays for odd-numbered addresses).

Watering gardens and plant beds by hand, using a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle, is permitted at any time.

“We appreciate residents’ efforts to use water wisely and help us conserve water,” says Steven Roehr, Operations Manager, Utilities. “As we begin rolling out these necessary measures and updating the community about these changes, we will be taking an educational approach first. People found using water contrary to the restrictions will be advised of permitted activities and provided with suggestions to help lower water use. Your ongoing water conservation efforts will help us maintain water capacity for emergency fire-fighting flows and help protect the environment.”

For more information, visit campbellriver.ca/water-restrictions, call the City’s water hotline at 250-203-2316 or email water.wise@campbellriver.ca.

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WATERING RESTRICTIONS – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why are the restrictions issued?

Below-normal seasonal precipitation and high customer demand are causing reservoir levels to decline. Stage 2 Restrictions will help us meet domestic water demands and provide adequate fire protection. We are at an increased risk for fire in this hot dry weather, so we must reduce water use to make sure we can fight fires.

How long will they last?

These restrictions will stay in effect until further notice. Once the demand has decreased enough that we have adequate fire protection water and the heat levels off, the City will return to regular watering restrictions.

What happens if I don't follow them?

The City will focus on education initially, as we roll out these measures and update the community about these changes. People found using water contrary to water restrictions will be advised of permitted activities and provided with suggestions to help lower water use. Repeat offenders are subject to a fine.

What is the City doing to tell people about the restrictions?

Along with posting information at campbellriver.ca and on social media, the City is issuing a news release and will run notices in the newspaper. We're encouraging residents to pass the message along to all their neighbours and friends as well.

What do I do if I see someone else not following the restrictions?

Please let them know the details of the restrictions that are in place in case they have not yet heard about the current watering stage restriction and the need to conserve water. To report people not following the restrictions, please email water.wise@campbellriver.ca or call the water hotline at 250-203-2316.

Why are sports fields and golf courses allowed to water with sprinklers?

Sports fields and golf courses are engineered turfs, designed to withstand extended use. Their replacement costs range in the tens of thousands of dollars if neglected. All sports fields and golf courses are metered and charged for their water usage, and have special exemptions which allow them to avoid permanent loss of vegetation.