

June 24, 2021

Residents urged to help reduce water use to avoid increased community watering restrictions

With summer here, and a heatwave in full swing, the City of Campbell River is asking residents to reduce non-essential water use to help avoid stage two watering restrictions, which limit watering lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs through irrigation to once a week.

“With the hot weather, demand on Campbell River’s water consumption has increased, and we’re now at the point where households helping to conserve water can delay the requirement for stage two watering restrictions,” explain Steven Roehr, the City’s water manager.

“Even with a supply of water stored in the lakes behind Campbell River, the system of pipes and pumps limits how much water we can deliver throughout the community, and we monitor water use and set watering restrictions to ensure we have water available in the system for firefighting,” Roehr adds.

Information signs indicating current Campbell River watering restrictions are installed outside the City’s Dogwood Operations Centre, and at the intersections of Rockland and Island Highway, and Alder and Coronation.

Stage 1 watering restrictions currently in effect allow lawn watering during these times:

- Odd numbered addresses, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 10 p.m.
- Even numbered addresses, 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 a spring-loaded type nozzles with automatic shut-off connected to hose is allowed at any time during the day in all stages.

More community water information is available at campbellriver.ca/water. Please send questions by email to water.wise@campbellriver.ca or call the water hotline at 250-203-2316.

Guidelines for water conservation and lawn care:

- Mowing lawns to a length of three inches or more reduces 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 continue to monitor neighbourhood water use to ensure that residents are following current watering restrictions, and sharing information with people using more water than necessary.

###

Contact: Steven Roehr, Water Manager

250-203-2316

COVID-19

Please note: We have new procedures in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We are gradually – carefully – resuming in-person services and limited public access to City facilities. For the most recent information on City services, please see our website (campbellriver.ca). Reach us with general inquiries by email (info@campbellriver.ca) or telephone **250-286-5700**.