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## Residential Water-use Restrictions Stage 2 Bylaw

The Capital Regional District Water Department is responsible for the supply, treatment and delivery of bulk drinking water to its municipal (wholesale) customers and for the operation of the retail water distribution system in the Western Communities and Sooke.

The municipal wholesale customers are the City of Victoria, District of Saanich, District of Oak Bay, Township of Esquimalt, Saanich Peninsula Water Commission and the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission.

As well, the Department is responsible for water quality monitoring from source to individual customers throughout Greater Victoria and Sooke and for demand management programs.

### Water Use Restrictions

Water use in the Capital Regional District doubles in our summer months from the average winter usage. Most of this increase is for landscape irrigation. Water use bylaws are intended to manage this outdoor use.

Our water use restrictions have been developed and are implemented according to the severity of a water shortage. **Stage 1 is moderate, Stage 2, acute and Stage 3, severe.** Each level requires increasingly larger reductions in water use. Each Stage of the restrictions corresponds to an overall water reduction percentage. **Stage 2 aims for a 20% reduction in water use.**

### Bylaw Enforcement

Bylaw Enforcement Officers will enforce all levels of the water-use restrictions bylaw, including Stage 1. A person who contravenes the bylaw commits an offence under the Offence Act and is subject to a minimum fine of \$100.00 plus costs. Bylaw Enforcement Officers have the authority to enter at all reasonable times, any property that is subject to the bylaw to ascertain if the bylaw requirements are being observed.

### Landscape Watering

- Lawn watering is permitted only once per week within defined time periods under the following schedule:
  - an even numbered address may water Wednesday from 4:00 am to 7:00 am, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
  - an odd numbered address may water Thursday from 4:00 am to 7:00 am, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.



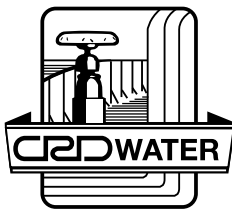
The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide a summary of the **Stage 2 Water-Use Restrictions** for the residential/community use audience.

For more information about the Stage 2 restrictions or for answers to your questions please visit our web site at [www.crd.bc.ca/water](http://www.crd.bc.ca/water).

For water efficiency information and materials, contact the

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- Established trees, shrubs, vegetable and flower gardens may be watered with a sprinkler but only during the following time periods: 4:00 am to 7:00 am, 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm on any day.
- Established trees, shrubs, vegetable and flower gardens may be watered on days other than those assigned under Stage 2 only if watering is done using a hand-held hose with a spring-loaded shut-off nozzle or with a hand-held container.
- Lawns treated with herbicides; pesticides or fertilizer may be watered during permitted times in the initial 24 after treatment. After the initial 24 hours watering must follow Stage 2 watering day and time regulations.
- Watering of new sod or newly seeded lawns must follow Stage 2 watering day and time regulations.
- Newly planted trees and shrubs may be watered during installation and for the following 24 hours. After the first 24 hours, watering must comply with the Stage 2 water use restrictions.
- Drip or micro irrigation may be used outside restricted hours for trees, shrubs, vegetable and flower gardens only.

## Private Car and Boat Washing

- Hand washing of cars or boats is permitted only when using a hand-held hose with a spring-loaded shut-off device or with a hand-held container.

## Other Outdoor Uses

- Residential swimming pools, wading pools and hot tubs may be filled.
- Decorative fountains may not be operated unless they use re-circulated water.
- Parking lots, driveways or sidewalks may not be washed at any time with a hose.

## General Guidelines

- No person shall damage or allow the deterioration of any appliance that will result in a waste of water.
- Water use restrictions do not apply to water from private wells or private irrigation water sources, however facilities that have such sources are encouraged to post signs indicating their water source.
- Restrictions do not apply to outdoor areas that may be required by law to be cleaned so as to comply with health or safety standards.

## Exception to Stage 2 Restrictions

An owner or occupier of property, who, by reason of advanced age or physical incapacity, is unable to water their property within the restricted days and times, may water their property on any one day during Stage 2, for a maximum of eight hours.

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