

Watering Schedule History

Evolution of the Water Conservation Bylaw

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- 1992 - Mandatory watering schedules were approved by resolution for the Western Communities and Sooke and the other municipalities were requested to implement similar restrictions from August 10 – October 2. Stage 2 lawn watering was restricted to one inch once per week according to house number. No enforcement. Should not be considered as Stage 1.
- 1993 - Stage 1 voluntary restrictions included lawn watering twice per week, no washing sidewalks, parking lots, turn off fountains that do not recycle water, etc. from February 26 – August 27. Enforcement was by the municipalities except in the Western Communities where the GVWD¹ enforced it.
- 1994 - No restrictions.
- 1995 - Stage 1 voluntary restrictions from June 3 - July 21 (see 1993 for extent of restrictions & enforcement). Stage 2 restrictions July 22 - August 18 which reduced lawn watering to once per week between 4 - 9 am and 7 - 10 p.m.
- 1996 - 1998 - No restrictions.
- 1999 - Stage 1 restrictions in effect that limited lawn watering to two days per week between certain hours from June 10 - September 30. No enforcement.
- 2000 - Restrictions were in effect from June 1 to September 30. Stage 1 restrictions limit lawn watering to two days per week. No enforcement.
- 2001 - 2002 - Stage 3 Water Conservation Bylaw (no lawn watering) from April 2 – December 18, 2001. Stage 2 watering schedule in effect from December 18, 2001 - January 8, 2002. Prior to 2001 there was no concerted effort to administer or enforce the Water Conservation Bylaw region wide.
- 2002 - Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from July 1 - September 30 (delayed from June 1 to July 1 to permit lowering of Sooke Lake Reservoir to accommodate dam construction work).
- 2003 - Raising of the Sooke Lake Reservoir dam to increase capacity.
Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from May 1 to September 30. The bylaw was amended to put in place annual watering schedules from May 1 each year.

¹ Greater Victoria Water District (GVWD) until 1997 when it became the Water Services Department within the CRD.

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- 2004 - Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from May 1 to September 30.
- 2005 - Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from May 1 to September 30. The township of Sidney rescinded its Watering Bylaw so that CRD could then administer & enforce the CRD Water Conservation Bylaw.
- 2006 - 2009 Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from May 1- September 30.
- 2009 - CRD enlisted to enforce the Water Conservation Bylaw in Colwood as of Oct 1, 2009.
- 2010 - 2014 Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from May 1- September 30.
- 2015 - Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from May 1- September 30. Province Issued Drought Level 4. CRD remained at Stage 1. Marks the centennial anniversary of the Sooke Lake Reservoir.
- 2016 - Water Conservation Bylaw amended (3061 replaced to 4099). Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from May 1- September 30. Province issued Drought Levels 2, 3 & 4 from May 19 – October 4.
- 2017 - Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from May 1 - September 30. Province issued Drought Levels 2 & 3 from July 6 to October 18.
- 2018 - Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from May 1 - September 30. Province issued Drought Levels 2, 3 & 4 from June 14 - September 20.
- 2019 - Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from May 1 - September 30. Province issued Drought Levels 2 & 3 from May 30 - September 18.
- 2020 - Water Conservation Bylaw amended to reduce enforcement and ticketing (remained 4099).
Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from May 1- September 30. Province issued Drought Level 2 & 3 from July 12 – October 3.
- 2021 - Stage 1 Water Conservation Bylaw from May 1 - September 30. Province issued Drought Level 2 on May 26 and Drought Level 4 on July 7.