

August 1, 2017

The City is enacting Stage 2 Watering Restrictions effective immediately.

Over the past week, water consumption has increased dramatically daily as citizens react to the heat wave. This has resulted in an unprecedented demand for water, which the City's water system can no longer meet. As a result, our water system does not have the capacity to provide adequate fire flows.

In order to reduce these demands on the system, the City is enacting Stage 2 Watering Restrictions effective immediately.

- These restrictions limit the watering of lawns, gardens, trees and shrub by irrigation to once a week
 - Residential – 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. even addresses on Monday and odd addresses on Thursday
 - Non-residential – 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. even addresses on Wednesday and odd addresses on Tuesday
- Residents may hand water gardens and plant beds anytime - using a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle

Please visit www.campbellriver.ca for more information on stage 2 watering restrictions.

The Splash Park and Centennial outdoor pool will remain open and we are encouraging residents and visitors to take advantage of these venues to cool down on these hot dry days.

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Watering Restrictions – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

On August 1, the City of Campbell River imposed Stage 2 watering restrictions within the City of Campbell River. The following questions and answers are intended to answer most commonly asked questions regarding this issue:

Why are the restrictions issued?

The heat wave has caused unprecedented water use and the water system cannot meet the demands and provide 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?

You can be subject to a fine.

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

The City has notices in the papers and on its website, as well as on the local radio stations. We also have patrollers going door-to-door, providing information regarding the restrictions. We are encouraging residents to pass the message along to all their neighbours and friends as well.

Are the watering restrictions in place in Area D?

Yes, the jurisdiction for that area is the Strathcona Regional District and they are moving to a stage 2 watering restrictions also.

What do I do if I see someone else not following them?

Please let them know the details of the restrictions that are in place. At the early days of this new restriction, some people will not have heard about this serious situation and the need to conserve water yet. To report people not following the restrictions call the City at 250-203-2316 or email at water.wise@campbellriver.ca .

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.

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