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**At the tipping point – Time to reduce water use during hot, dry weather Campbell River!**

There's still a chance the City of Campbell River can avoid next level watering restrictions, but it will take all residents making an effort to reduce water use during this hot, dry weather.

*"We're experiencing an increase in water consumption over the past few days, and are now at the point where we are urging local residents to be mindful of water consumption and conserve water to avoid a stage two watering restriction,"* says Nathalie Viau, the City's water supervisor.

Stage two watering restrictions limit watering lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs through irrigation to once a week.

*"Even with a healthy 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,"* Viau says.

*"To ensure that residential and business property owners are aware of current watering restriction, information signs are installed outside of the City's Dogwood Operations Centre, at the intersection of Rockland and Island Highway and at Alder and Coronation,"* Viau adds. *"Also, City staff will be out in the community for the remainder of July and during August monitoring to ensure that people are following the watering restrictions and providing tips for more efficient water use when we notice them using more water than necessary."*

The current stage one watering restrictions allow lawn watering as follows:

- Odd-numbered house addresses water on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday from 5 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 10 p.m.
- Even-numbered house addresses water on Monday, Wednesday, 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 watering restriction stages.

To keep properties green and limit water use, follow these guidelines:

- Mow lawns to a length of three inches or more, reducing 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.

More water restrictions information is available on the City website [www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca), including permitted watering activities, watering times for non-residential properties and watering restriction stages and schedules. Call the City of Campbell River Residents water hotline at 250-203-2316 or send us an email at [water.wise@campbellriver.ca](mailto:water.wise@campbellriver.ca) with questions.

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