

NOTICE OF STAGE 4 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Effective Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Stage 4 Outdoor Sprinkling Ban Implemented in Response to Drought

Lantzville, BC – Effective immediately until further notice, the District of Lantzville is under Stage 4 watering restrictions. On June 29th, the provincial government elevated eastern Vancouver Island to Provincial Drought Level 4 due to a significant shortfall in seasonal precipitation this past spring, winter and fall, and early above seasonal temperatures. As a result of these conditions, the Province is asking local water providers to implement increasingly stricter watering restrictions.

Several years ago, all water providers in the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) working together through Team Water Smart, adopted consistently defined water restrictions in a four-stage water restriction with Stage 1 being low and Stage 4 high restrictions. Stage 4 restrictions help ensure the community's essential water needs for drinking water, hygiene and fire protection are met, that water flows for fish and aquatic habitats are maintained, and targeted water use reduction is achieved.

The RDN reports that the region is experiencing early low-flow levels in rivers and streams throughout the region and below average groundwater levels in some regional aquifers. The continued warmer and drier-than-seasonal conditions forecasted by Environment and Climate Change Canada will likely further impact water levels into the summer. The comprehensive Stage 4 watering ban aims to reduce the pressure on surface water and groundwater sources vulnerable to ongoing drought.

Stage 4 restricts non-essential outdoor water use noted below and in the accompanying chart to achieve maximum water conservation:

- No lawn sprinkling of any kind, including for newly seeded and sodded lawns
- No washing of vehicles, RVs and boats
- No washing of driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and exterior building surfaces
- No filling of swimming pools, hot tubs and garden pond water features

Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions, even Stage 4. Drip irrigation is permitted between 7:00 am and 10:00 am OR 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Hand watering of gardens is permitted but must be done using a hand-held container or a hose equipped with a shutoff device. Private wells are not subject to these watering restrictions, but conservation is encouraged as water is a shared resource.

Please refer to the attached table for water restrictions. For tips on water conservation, visit teamwatersmart.ca.

Attach.

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WHEN	Effective Date	As Required	As Required	Voluntary Reductions on top of Stage 2 – implemented as required, prior to enforced lawn watering ban	July 5, 2023
	Sprinkling Times	Between 7 PM – 7 AM	7-10 AM OR 7-10 PM for a MAX of 2 HOURS		SPRINKLING BAN: Lawn Watering NOT PERMITTED
	Frequency	Any Day	Every Other Day Even # Houses – Even Days Odd # Houses – Odd days		NOT PERMITTED
HOW	Pop-Up Spray, Rotors and Sprinklers	Only during permitted times	Only during permitted times		ONLY BETWEEN 7-10 AM OR 7-10 PM
	Hand-Watering* (trees, shrubs, vegetables)	ANYTIME (advised to water in the early morning or in the evening)			NOT PERMITTED
	Micro / Drip* Irrigation	ANYTIME – advised to check for leaks			NOT PERMITTED
WHAT	Watering Lawns	Permitted during sprinkling times	Permitted during sprinkling times/ days		NOT PERMITTED
	Watering Ornamental Shrubs, Flowers and Trees	Permitted during sprinkling times	Permitted during sprinkling times/days	ONLY WITH DRIP or HAND WATERING	
	Watering Vegetable Gardens or Fruit Trees	ANYTIME (advised to water in the early morning or in the evening - less evaporation)		ANYTIME (Advised to water in the early morning or in the evening)	
	Washing Vehicles, Boats, Houses	ONLY WITH HOSE WITH SHUT OFF DEVICE	ONLY WITH HOSE WITH SHUT OFF DEVICE	NOT PERMITTED Only exception is for safety	
	Washing Sidewalks or Driveways	ANYTIME (advised to use a broom)	ANYTIME (advised to use a broom)	Only prior to application of paint, preservative, stucco or sealant	
	Filling Fountains, Pools or Hot Tubs	ANYTIME	ANYTIME	NOT PERMITTED	
	New Lawn Permits	Can apply for permit	Can apply for permit	NO PERMITS ISSUED	

Per Water System Bylaw No. 140, 2018

***Definitions:**

• **Micro and Drip Irrigation:**

"Delivers water to the root zone of the plants and uses less than 20 gallons per hour at less than 25 psi."

• **Hand-watering:**

"Delivering water by hose with spring-loaded nozzle shut-off device or hand-held container."

The District of Lantzville appreciates your cooperation and encourages you to contact the Municipal Hall at 250.390.4006 or district@lantzville.ca if you have any questions.