

Stage 4 Watering Restrictions Eased in City of Parksville

Aligned with most Regional District of Nanaimo water service areas, watering restrictions in the City of Parksville have now been downgraded to Stage 3 until further notice. The recent rain we have experienced has not been sufficient and the provincial drought rating for eastern Vancouver Island remains high.

October is a critical time for aquatic life as stream flows are at seasonal lows prior to the return of significant precipitation and salmon require water levels conducive to migrating to freshwater spawning grounds.

Stage 3 watering restrictions lift the lawn watering ban and allow for outdoor and/or vehicle washing; however, we are asking residents to continue to voluntarily conserve our water. Stage 3 offers flexibility for residents to decide where and how they wish to cut back on water use. Please note vegetable garden watering and drip irrigation are exempt from restrictions.

Detailed information about City of Parksville water restrictions may be viewed on our <u>website</u> and <u>Let's Talk</u> <u>Parksville</u>. The City is a partner in the Regional District of Nanaimo's <u>Team WaterSmart</u> programs. Please direct questions to the City's bylaw compliance department by email to <u>bylaw@parksville.ca</u>

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> The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

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