



Water Restrictions

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Learn about Metro Vancouver's water restrictions in effect across the region.

Stage 2 water restrictions start May 1.

Outdoor watering restrictions within the Metro Vancouver region, including Surrey, are in effect from **May 1 to October 15** each year.

With hot and dry weather in the long-rang forecast, we need to make sure we use treated water where we need it most: drinking, cooking and cleaning.

Stage 2 water restrictions

Activities prohibited under Stage 2

- Lawn watering, including schools and City lawns, and grass boulevards.
- Topping up or filling fountains or water features.
- Operating water spray parks (unless it is equipped with user-activated switches).

Water restrictions will be strictly enforced by the City according to the [Bylaw Contravention Fines](#) (see Schedule 13)

Activities permitted during Stage 2

Watering trees, shrubs, and flowers

- **Residential:** 5 to 9am for sprinklers, any day.
- **Non-residential:** 4 to 9am for sprinklers, any day.
- Water at any time, any day, if hand watering or using drip irrigation.

Other permitted activities

- An automatic shut-off device (spray nozzle) is required on hoses.
- Water your edible plants garden at any time.
- Wash a car or a boat any day at any time with a handheld hose on a gravel or paved area where wash water cannot enter any stormwater drains. We recommend using a commercial car wash that uses less water and treats the wastewater.
- Wash or pressure wash outdoor surfaces any day at any time with a handheld hose or pressure washer.
- Watering of fairways is allowed once a week, except when operating under an approved Water Use Plan.
- Watering soil-based playing fields is allowed no more than 4 days per week between 7pm and 9am, except:
 - if watering newly seeded fields with a valid and subsisting Special Sprinkling Permit – New Lawn; or
 - if operating under an approved Water Use Plan.
- Watering sand-based playing fields is allowed any day from 7pm to 9am (with the same exception for soil-based fields).

Stage 1 restrictions ▼

Report a water restrictions violation

Call 604-591-4340 or report online

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Any complaints received, or observed violations, may result in fines imposed under the [Bylaw Contravention Fines](#) (see Schedule 13).

Special water permits

Special water permits aren't issued during Stage 2 or stricter water restrictions.

For more information about lawn sprinkling permits, call 604-591-4340, option 5.

For more details on water restrictions in Surrey, refer to the [Drinking Water Conservation Bylaw](#) and Metro Vancouver's [Drinking Water Conservation Plan](#).

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