

## **Stage 4 Watering Restrictions for all RDN Water Service Areas**










Effective immediately, all Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Water Service Areas are under Stage 4 watering restrictions. On September 30, the Province of BC elevated east Vancouver Island and other areas in the province to provincial Drought Level 4. These drought conditions have resulted in low flow levels in river and stream systems throughout the RDN and have delayed the recharge of the aquifers that the RDN's water systems rely on. Stage 4 watering restrictions remain in effect until further notice as warm, dry weather forecasts are expected for at least a few more weeks and aquifers in the region may take extra time to recharge when the rain eventually arrives.

Stage 4 watering restrictions include a ban on all lawn watering activities and residents are not permitted to wash vehicles, boats or siding, nor fill fountains, pools or hot tubs. This comprehensive ban on outdoor water use is required to ensure that the community's essential water needs are met for drinking water, hygiene and fire protection. Hand watering, where allowed, must be done using a hand-held container or a hose equipped with a shutoff device. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions, even Stage 4.

Private wells are not subject to these watering restrictions, but conservation is encouraged as water is a shared resource.

A map of RDN water service areas can be viewed at [rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map](https://rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map). For tips on water conservation, visit [teamwatersmart.ca](https://teamwatersmart.ca).

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WATERING RESTRICTION STAGE	1	2	3	4
Frequency 	Any Day	Every Other Day: Even# Houses – Even# Days Odd# Houses – Odd# Days	Voluntary Reductions on top of Stage 2  	SPRINKLING BAN: Lawn Watering NOT PERMITTED
Watering Times 	Between 7pm and 7am	Between 7-10am or 7-10pm for 2 hrs MAX		Between 7-10am or 7-10pm
Hand-watering, drip irrigation, micro irrigation 	ANYTIME	ANYTIME		NOT PERMITTED
Washing vehicles, boats, houses (siding) 	ANYTIME	ANYTIME		NOT PERMITTED
Filling fountains, pools, hot tubs 	ANYTIME	ANYTIME		NOT PERMITTED
New lawn permits 	Can apply for a permit	Can apply for a permit		NO PERMITS ISSUED
Pressure washing walkways, driveways, siding 	ANYTIME	ANYTIME		ONLY prior to application of paint, preservative, stucco, or sealant

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