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## **Most Watering Restrictions Ease on October 19, Followed by a Full Lift on November 1**

Most Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Water Service Areas will be downgrading watering restrictions to Stage 1 effective October 19 for the remainder of October. On November 1, all watering restrictions will be lifted except for the Decourcy and Surfside Water Service Areas which will remain at Stage 4 due to operational needs.

The rain over the past two weeks has helped relieve drought conditions and reduced the seasonal water demand in our communities. Stage 1 allows for sprinkling any day between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. and all forms of outdoor washing, hot tub / pond filling, vehicle washing and other activities.

The provincial drought rating for eastern Vancouver Island has now eased, and stream flows are returning to normal levels for this time of year. Conserving water, however, is an important, year-round habit as drought conditions are coming earlier and lasting longer than in the past. Increasing our water efficiency helps build drought-resilience over the long term. We thank residents for doing their part!

Please refer to the accompanying table for watering restrictions by location and visit your respective water provider's website for more details and current information. A map of water service areas, including current watering restrictions, 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 Stages as of Oct. 19, 2023.	Water Service Areas
<p align="center"><b>STAGE 4</b></p>	<p>Regional District of Nanaimo (Water Service Areas):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surfside</li> <li>• Decourcey (Pylades)</li> </ul> <p>These systems remain in Stage 4 due to operational needs.</p>
<p align="center"><b>STAGE 1</b></p> <p align="center">Sprinkling permitted between 7 p.m. - 7 a.m., on any day</p> <p>Hand-watering, Drip &amp; Micro Irrigation Exempt</p> <p align="center">Vegetable and Food Gardens Exempt</p> <p align="center"><b>ALL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED NOV. 1, 2023</b></p>	<p>City of Nanaimo</p> <p>North Cedar Improvement District</p> <p>Regional District of Nanaimo (Water Service Areas):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nanoose Bay Peninsula,</li> <li>• River's Edge</li> <li>• French Creek/ Sandpiper</li> <li>• San Pareil</li> <li>• Whiskey Creek</li> <li>• Westurne Heights</li> <li>• Melrose Terrace</li> </ul> <p>City of Parksville</p> <p>EPCOR French Creek</p> <p>District of Lantzville</p> <p>Bowser Waterworks</p>
<p align="center"><b>NO RESTRICTIONS</b></p>	<p>Town of Qualicum Beach</p> <p>Qualicum Bay Horne Lake Waterworks</p> <p>Deep Bay Improvement District</p>

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