

NEWS RELEASE

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Watering Restrictions Start June 1

Summary

Nanaimo residents and businesses are reminded that watering restrictions will be in place starting June 1. Conservation Level 1 is implemented annually to ensure balanced water use throughout the system. Level 1 (Even/Odd day watering) runs from June 1 to September 30.

Strategic Link: This supports the strategic priority of water, and encourages conservation

Key Points

- Even numbered addresses can water on the EVEN days of the month (e.g. June 2, 4, 6). Odd numbered addresses can water on the ODD days of the month (e.g. June 1, 3, 5)
- No outdoor watering is permitted between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM.
- Parking lot or driveway washing with tap water is not permitted during the period of restrictions. Car washing is permitted on regular watering days, as long as it is not between 10 AM and 4:00 PM.
- City staff will continue to monitor water storage levels closely and keep the public informed if the Conservation Level needs to move to Level 2.

Quotes

"This year, there is a lot of attention on water due to the zero snowpack and lack of precipitation for the last several weeks. The City has been watching water levels carefully and at this time, we feel that Conservation Level 1 will be all that is required. Level 1 is a normal annual occurrence and helps keep a conservation mindset. Nanaimo residents can be proud of the fact that they have practised decades of water conservation which ensures that during periods of drought the water system is resilient enough to avoid more drastic measures."

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