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City of Nanaimo Water Conservation Update

Nanaimo Remains at Stage 2 Restrictions

Summary

The City of Nanaimo remains at Stage 2 Watering Restrictions, which are typically in effect from May 1 to September 30.

The City's water supply at Jump Lake is at full storage, and it is anticipated this will likely carry the City, residents and businesses through the summer without the need to elevate to higher stages of watering restrictions. Nanaimo's residents are currently demonstrating a conservative use of water and are keeping outdoor watering to responsible levels.

Strategic Link: Water Conservation, and treating water as a shared resource.

Key Points

- Even with full storage at the start of the dry season, it is still important for everyone to maintain a conservation focus to preserve our precious drinking water and ensure water is available for the natural environment.
- Residents are encouraged to let their lawns go golden. Outdoor watering uses twice the water compared to winter time use.
- The City is part of Team WaterSmart - a region-wide initiative that focuses on water conservation, and uniform communications, including a common framework to define watering restriction stages.

Quotes

"We are in excellent shape this year. Jump Lake is at full storage - exactly where we want it to be at this time of year and water use is down slightly from last year, due to the wet spring. Efforts at conserving water now will help make sure that Nanaimo's supply will remain healthy throughout the summer, and will allow us to ensure that flows to the Nanaimo River to support fish can continue as well."

Bill Sims
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Quick Facts

- At Stage 2, you may water on even days for even-numbered houses and on odd days for odd-numbered houses. Sprinkling is permitted for two hours between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from watering restrictions as are businesses which require water for operations. See www.teamwatersmart.ca for further exemptions.
- Each year, we target full reservoir storage at Jump Lake at the end of June. The lake level is drawn down over the summer to support water use during the dry season.

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