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**TO:** Chair, Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

**FROM:** Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** July 16, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Watering Restrictions – Stage 3

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Stage 3 watering restrictions have been put in place effective July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. In concert with the City of Duncan, Municipality of North Cowichan, Town of Ladysmith, the Cowichan Valley Regional District and Cowichan Tribes, Stz'uminus First Nation, Cowichan Bay Improvement District and Mill Bay Waterworks District, the Town of Lake Cowichan established uniform water conservation regulations in 2015. The restrictions will stay in place until the drought conditions ease.

The restrictions as spelled out in the attachment have been refined since they were first implemented and as drought conditions have become more acute.

The watering restrictions are meant to protect a valuable resource. Its conservation will help ensure its availability to all of us over the long-term.

Please note: Drought and fire risk conditions necessitate the banning of campfires within the Cowichan Region, including the Town.

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# TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

## STAGE 3 IN EFFECT JULY 16, 2021

### WATER USE RESTRICTION DETAILS

#### Watering Regulation Summary Table

Until further notice Stage 3, Watering Restrictions are now in effect for the Town of Lake Cowichan, Duncan, North Cowichan, Cowichan Valley Regional District, and Cowichan Tribes.

**Stage 1 and Stage 2 sprinkling times are from  
7:00 am – 9:00 am OR 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

- Stage 1:** Sprinkling 2 hours maximum.  
*EVEN* numbered houses on even days  
*ODD* numbered houses on odd days
  
- Stage 2:** *EVEN* numbered houses:  
Wednesdays & Saturdays only  
as per the adjacent chart  
  
*ODD* numbered houses:  
Thursdays & Sundays only  
as per the adjacent chart
  
- Stage 3:** Hand-watering / Micro drip  
irrigation lines only



Please check the local newspaper or each water provider's website during the summer months to see if Stage 2 or Stage 3 restrictions are in effect.

	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
<b>Effective Date</b>	May 1 to Oct. 31	As required	As required
<b>Sprinkling Times</b>	7:00am - 9:00am <b>OR</b> 7:00pm – 9:00pm	7:00am - 9:00am <b>OR</b> 7:00pm – 9:00pm	<b>NOT PERMITTED</b>
<b>Even Numbered Houses</b>	Even days	Wednesday & Saturday	
<b>Odd Numbered Houses</b>	Odd days	Thursday & Sunday	
<b>Watering New Lawn</b>	Same as above unless Permit is obtained	<b>NO PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>NO PERMITS ISSUED</b>
<b>Trees, Shrubs and Gardens</b> <small>(Hand watering with a hose with spring-loaded nozzle, watering pall or bucket)</small>	7-9 am OR 7-9 pm Maximum 2 hours per day		
<b>Micro or Drip Irrigation*</b>	Anytime - maximum 4 hours per day		
<b>Filling Pools and Hot Tubs</b>	Anytime	Anytime	<b>NOT PERMITTED**</b>
<b>Washing Vehicles or Boats</b>	Anytime	Anytime	<b>NOT PERMITTED</b>
<b>Washing Driveways Houses &amp; Sidewalks</b>	Anytime	<b>NOT PERMITTED***</b>	<b>NOT PERMITTED***</b>
<p><small>*Micro or drip irrigation delivers water to the root zone of the plants and uses less than 20 gallons per hour at less than 25psi. Weeper hoses are also permitted. Soaker hoses are <u>not</u> permitted.</small></p> <p><small>**Pools filled before Stage 2 may be topped up to account for evaporation losses to avoid damage to pumps, etc.</small></p> <p><small>***Washing driveways, houses or sidewalks is not permitted during stage 2 and 3 except for the preparation of applying paints, preservatives or for pouring concrete.</small></p>			

**Exemptions - Water Restrictions:** Nurseries, turf farms or tree farms; School and Municipal playing fields; Sprinkling Permit holders (obtained from your water provider); Car dealerships; and other commercial enterprises which require water use to facilitate normal business activities (ie. power washing companies, window washing companies etc.) unless ordered otherwise by the local government.