

# Get Ready for Summer



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## You know what to do.

Environment and Climate Change Canada predicts above average seasonal temperatures again this summer. As we have all experienced, summers are hotter and drier than they used to be. We must do things differently when things start heating up. This means putting water first -- as the community has done in the past few years.

Every year in the Sunshine Coast Regional District, water conservation regulations begin May 1. Reduce summer stress on yourself and water supplies by completing water intensive home maintenance and garden projects in the Spring. Your thoughtful, early actions reduce the risk to community water supplies during times of drought.



**We all value water.** Whether we use it for apple trees, gardens, cold plunges or household maintenance, it's vital to our everyday life. How you choose to use water affects everyone. By prioritizing your summer water use by needs, not wants, we can make sure everyone in the community has access to safe and reliable drinking water.



**While we cannot control the weather, we can control how we use water.** Last year we expected drought conditions, but summer rains helped keep water conservation stages low. Becoming more water efficient at home can reduce stress that comes with hot and dry weather.



**Focus on what you can do.** Take action in your household to improve water efficiency. Water resources are shared. By respecting the water we have, everyone benefits. With world class water from pristine aquifers and beautiful lakes, let's be mindful of every drop.

## Knowing how much water you use is the first step to efficiency.

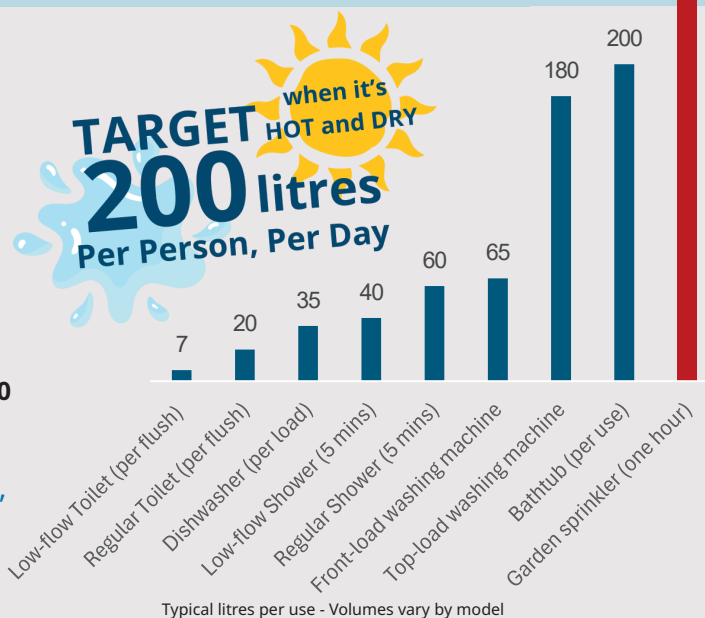
Get curious about your household's water use. Property owners can receive a personal monthly water use by email.

Visit [scrd.ca/water-use](https://scrd.ca/water-use) to sign up.

No water meter yet? Use the graph on the right to estimate how much you might be using.

**Want to be an H<sub>2</sub>O hero? Aim to keep your water use under 200 litres per person, per day.**

Find updates on water conservation stages in your area, tips for water efficiency and more at [scrd.ca/water](https://scrd.ca/water)


















# Water Conservation Regulations

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WATERING				STAGES CHANGE BASED ON COMMUNITY DEMAND AND WEATHER		
	Handheld container		Trees, flowers and shrubs	PERMITTED	4 hours/day max. 7am - 9am and 7pm - 9pm	1 hour/day max. 7am - 8am or 7pm - 8pm
	Hose with spray-trigger nozzle		Food producing trees and plants	PERMITTED	PERMITTED	2 hours/day max. 7am - 8am and 7pm - 8pm
	Drip- Irrigation					
	Sprinkler  Soaker hose  Micro-spray		Lawns	TWO DAYS PER WEEK 7am - 8am Even numbered address: Thu/Sun Odd numbered address: Wed/Sat <i>(Hand watering is permitted at any time)</i>	NOT PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
			Trees, flowers and shrubs	THREE DAYS PER WEEK 7am - 9am and 7pm - 9pm Even numbered address: Tue/Thu/Sun Odd numbered address: Mon/Wed/Sat	TWO DAYS PER WEEK 7am - 9am Even numbered address: Thu/Sun Odd numbered address: Wed/Sat	NOT PERMITTED
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WASHING						
	Handheld container		Sidewalks, driveways, windows, fences and exterior building surfaces	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED except for preparing surfaces for painting or paving and for health and safety regulations.	NOT PERMITTED except for health and safety regulations.
	Hose with spray-trigger nozzle		Vehicles and boats	PERMITTED	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED except to wash off sea water.
FILLING						
			Swimming pools and hot tubs	PERMITTED	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
			Garden ponds and fountains	PERMITTED	PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED
STAGE 4 BAN ON ALL OUTDOOR WATER USE						
FINES	STAGE 1 \$200		STAGE 2 \$300		STAGE 3 \$400	STAGE 4 \$500