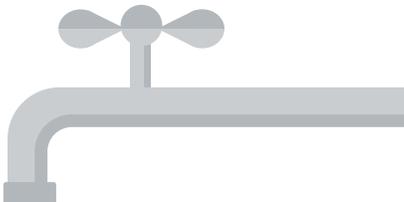


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WATERING RESTRICTIONS



The extremely dry conditions we have experienced these past few summers have highlighted the importance of careful water conservation. Responsible outdoor water use is crucial in ensuring our water supply is available for everyone.

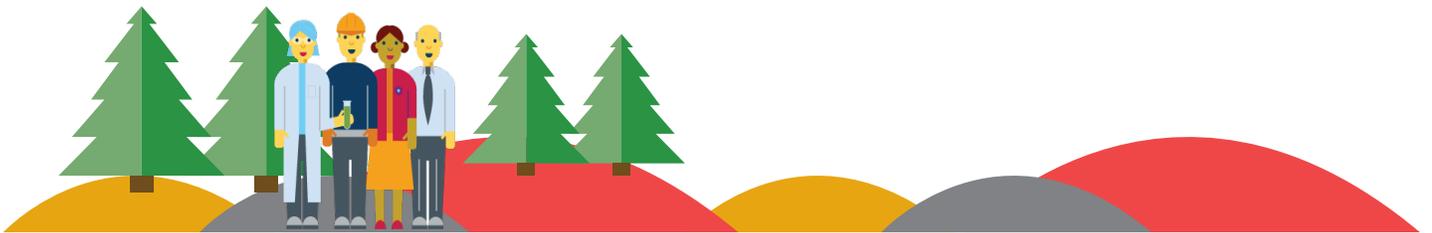
We are currently under Stage 2 outdoor watering restrictions. What this means:

- Even numbered homes can water on even dates (e.g. 4th, 6th, 18th, etc.).
- Odd numbered homes can water on odd dates (e.g. 3rd, 5th, 21st, etc.).
- Be sure to water only between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. or between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. for a maximum of two hours.

Water Conservation Tips

When planning your garden consider these tips to limit water use while still creating an appealing landscape.

- Choose plants, shrubs and trees that require little irrigation and that fit in with the landscape to minimize pruning.
- Drought-resistant, native turf, plants and shrubs are easiest to maintain.
- Let plants grow naturally instead of pruning them into balls or other shapes.
- Different plants have different water needs. Try grouping plants that share the same water requirements together.
- Use drought-resistant grasses like blue fescue instead of traditional Kentucky bluegrass.



Regional District of Nanaimo Rebates

The Regional District of Nanaimo is offering rebates and incentives to help you conserve water and energy around the house. Find out what programs you may be eligible for by visiting rdn.bc.ca/rdn-rebates.

Did You Know?

- About 70% of the earth is water but only 2.5% of that is freshwater. Of the freshwater, 68.9% is in the form of glaciers and snow cover, 30.8% is groundwater and about 0.3% is in lakes and rivers.
- Approximately 60% of Canada's freshwater drains north, while 85% of the population lives within 300 kilometres of the American border.
- Henderson Lake, B.C., receives the most annual precipitation in Canada with 6,644 millimetres of precipitation each year.
- Eureka, Nunavut, receives the least amount of precipitation in Canada with only 64 millimetres of precipitation each year.

Source: (<https://www.safewater.org/fact-sheets-1/2017/1/23/facts-and-statistics>)

Safety is our Priority

Access to water is our shared responsibility. Here are some of the ways we need to work together to ensure efficient and effective water service:

Meters

Summer is a good time to ensure your water meter is clear of debris. This keeps our meter readers safe and ensures your meter is properly read.

Fire Hydrants

You can keep your neighbourhood safe by clearing leaves, grass or shrubs from nearby fire hydrants to ensure first responders have clear access in the event of an emergency.

Contact Us

EPCOR's office is open Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. We are closed from 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The office will be closed for the following holidays: Aug. 6, Sept. 3 and Oct. 8, 2018.

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