

# Water Restrictions at a Glance

## Comox Valley Water System

■ **Acceptable**  
 ■ **Restricted**  
 ■ **Prohibited**

Activity	Stages				Restriction Details
	1	2	3	4	
Lawn sprinkling					<b>STAGE 1:</b> Even-numbered addresses on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, odd-numbered addresses Wednesday, Friday and Sunday between 5 am - 8 am and 7 pm - 10 pm. <b>STAGE 2:</b> Even-numbered addresses Tuesday and Saturday and odd-numbered addresses Sunday and Wednesday from 6 am - 8 am and 8 pm - 10 pm. <b>STAGE 3-4:</b> No lawn sprinkling.
Trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetables (hand-held hose equipped with shut-off nozzle or hand-held container)					<b>STAGE 1:</b> On any day at any time if watering is done by a hand-held container or a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle. <b>STAGE 2:</b> On any day at any time if watering is done by a hand-held container or a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle. <b>STAGE 3:</b> On any day between 6 am - 8 am and 8 pm - 10 pm if watering is done by hand-held container or a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle. <b>STAGE 4:</b> All forms of watering prohibited.
Trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetables (using micro-irrigation or drip-irrigation)					<b>STAGES 1-2:</b> Anytime on any day. <b>STAGE 3:</b> On any day between 6 am - 8 am and 8 pm - 10 pm. <b>STAGE 4:</b> All forms of watering prohibited. <b>*Note: Micro-drip or drip irrigation delivers water to the root zone of the plants and uses less than 91 litres per hour of less than 25 psi. This does not include soaker or weeping hoses.</b>
Newly planted trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetables					<b>STAGES 1-2:</b> Any method of watering during installation and for the following 24 hours. <b>STAGE 3:</b> By hand-held container or a hand-held hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle during the installation and at any time during the following 24 hours after installation is completed. <b>STAGE 4:</b> All forms of watering prohibited.
Private pools, hot tubs, garden ponds or decorative fountains					<b>STAGES 1-2:</b> Anytime on any day. <b>STAGE 3:</b> Filling or adding water is prohibited. <b>STAGE 4:</b> Filling or adding water is prohibited, where reasonably possible all pools, hot tubs, ponds and fountains should be drained for health and safety purposes.
Wash a vehicle or boat					<b>STAGES 1-2:</b> Only with a hand-held container or hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle. <b>STAGE 3-4:</b> No washing of vehicles or boats, except for safety (windows, lights and licenses only).
Under authority of a permit water new sod or newly seeded lawns					<b>STAGE 1:</b> Use a sprinkler to water new sod for 21 days after installation and water newly seeded lawns until growth is established or for 49 days after installation, whichever is less. A sprinkler may be used only during the prescribed Stage 1 lawn watering hours. A hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle may be used at any time. <b>STAGE 2:</b> Water new sod for 21 days after installation and water newly-seeded lawns until growth is established, or for 49 days after installation, whichever is less. A sprinkler may be used only during the prescribed Stage 2 lawn watering hours. A hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle can be used at any time. <b>STAGE 3-4:</b> Permits will not be issued, existing permits not valid.

### Questions?

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Wash sidewalks, driveways and parking lots	■	■	■	■	<b>STAGE 1,2,3:</b> Permitted only when applying a product such as paint, preservative and stucco, preparing a surface prior to paving or repainting bricks, or if required by law to comply with health and safety regulations. <b>STAGE 4:</b> Prohibited.
Filling a wading pool	■	■	■	■	<b>STAGES 1-2:</b> Anytime on any day. <b>STAGE 3:</b> If less than 200 centimetres in diameter may be filled with water up to a maximum depth of 30 centimetres. <b>STAGE 4:</b> Not permitted.
All-weather playing fields	■	■	■	■	<b>STAGE 1-4:</b> At any time if failure to do so will result in a permanent loss of plant material.
Golf courses	■	■	■	■	<b>STAGE 1:</b> Trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetables in accordance with stage one restrictions. Fairways, golf greens and tees on any day if failure to do so will result in permanent loss of plant material. <b>STAGE 2:</b> Fairways at any time on not more than two days per week. Trees, shrubs, flowers, and vegetables grown on golf course in accordance with Stage 2 restrictions. Golf greens and tees on any day if failure to do so will result in permanent loss of plant material. <b>STAGE 3:</b> Fairways at any time on not more than one day per week. Trees, shrubs, flowers, and vegetables grown on golf course in accordance with Stage 3 restrictions. Golf greens and tees on any day if failure to do so will result in permanent loss of plant material. <b>STAGE 4:</b> All forms of watering prohibited.
Local government parks, ornamental lawns and grassed boulevards	■	■	■	■	<b>STAGE 1-3:</b> Even numbered addresses on even numbered day, odd-numbered addresses on odd numbered day between 11 pm -7 am. <b>STAGE 4:</b> No sprinkling.
Local government outdoor water parks and pools	■	■	■	■	<b>STAGE 4:</b> Water parks shut down and outdoor pools closed.

Restrictions apply to those living in the City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, Sandwick as well as the Arden, Black Creek Oyster Bay Comox Valley, England Road, Marsden/Camco, and Greaves Crescent local water service areas.

**Exceptions to water restrictions Stages 1 and 2:**

- Owners or occupiers of property who, by reason of physical or mental incapacity, are unable to water their property within the restricted days and times, may water their property on any two days per week for a maximum of nine hours per day.
- Pressure washing companies.

**Exceptions to water restrictions Stages 1, 2 and 3:**

- Nurseries, farms, turf farms, and tree farms.
- Car dealerships to wash vehicles and boats and commercial car washes.

**Exceptions to water restrictions Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4:**

- Local government water main and hydrant maintenance.

**To report an infraction:**

In the City of Courtenay: call 250-334-4441  
or email: [waterconservation@courtenay.ca](mailto:waterconservation@courtenay.ca)

In the CVRD or Town of Comox: call 250-334-6006  
or email: [waterenforcement@comoxvalleyrd.ca](mailto:waterenforcement@comoxvalleyrd.ca)

For up-to-date information on the current water restrictions visit: [www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/restrictions](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/restrictions)

