



3.4 Stage 4 Water Restrictions

Stage 4 is an emergency stage that limits both indoor and outdoor water uses as much as possible to ensure an adequate supply of drinking water for human consumption, use in firefighting, and to protect the quality of drinking water within the water system for public health.

Stage 4 is activated based on the rare occurrence of a significant emergency, such as an earthquake, flood, wild land and interface fire, severe weather, or a prolonged regional power outage that causes significant impacts to the water system infrastructure (e.g., damage to major water transmission lines, pump stations, or treatment plants).

In addition to the following outdoor water restrictions, the Regional District could request that industrial water users implement voluntary reductions or reschedule production processes that consume large amounts of water until Stage 4 is deactivated.

| User | Water Use | Restriction |
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| Residential | Watering lawns | Prohibited |
| | Watering new lawns or lawns being treated for the European Chafer Beetle | Prohibited, prior written permission is invalidated |
| | Watering trees, shrubs, flowers, and edible plants | Prohibited |
| | Topping up or filling aesthetic water features | Prohibited |
| | Topping up or filling pools and hot tubs | Prohibited |
| | Washing impermeable surfaces | Prohibited except if ordered by a regulatory authority having jurisdiction for a health or safety reason |
| | Washing vehicles and boats | Prohibited except to clean windows, lights, mirrors, licence plates, and boat engines for safety |
| Non-Residential | Watering lawns (mixed-use buildings e.g., residential, and commercial should follow Non-residential watering times) | Prohibited |
| | Watering new lawns or lawns being treated for the European Chafer Beetle | Prohibited, prior written permission is invalidated |
| | Watering trees, shrubs, flowers, and edible plants | Prohibited |
| | Watering golf courses | Prohibited |
| | Washing impermeable surfaces | Prohibited except if ordered by a regulatory authority having jurisdiction for health or safety reason |
| | Topping up or filling aesthetic water features | Prohibited |
| | Topping up or filling pools and hot tubs | Prohibited |
| | Washing vehicles and boats | Prohibited except to clean windows, lights, mirrors, licence plates, and boat engines for safety |
| | Commercial vehicle washing | Prohibited |



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| User | Water Use | Restriction |
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| Governments/Schools/Parks | Watering lawns and grass boulevards | Prohibited |
| | Watering new lawns or lawns being treated for European Chafer Beetle | Prohibited, prior written permission is invalidated |
| | Watering trees, shrubs, flowers, and edible plants | Prohibited |
| | Watering soil-based playing fields | Prohibited |
| | Watering sand-based playing fields | Prohibited |
| | Flushing water mains | Prohibited |
| | Operating water play parks | Prohibited |
| | Topping up or filling aesthetic water features | Prohibited |
| | Topping up or filling pools and hot tubs | Prohibited |
| | Washing vehicles and boats | Prohibited except to clean windows, lights, mirrors, licence plates, and boat engines for safety |



2. <https://businessviewmagazine.com/qathet-regional-district-bc-working-together/>