



August 18, 2022

Myrtle Pond Water System Users

Re: **Stage 2 Water Use Restrictions – EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

Water conservation is priority of the qathet Regional District, ensuring the sustainable use of water resources. The *Myrtle Pond Water Service Drinking Water Conservation Plan* was approved by the Board in February 2022.

Each stage of the Drinking Water Conservation Plan (DWCP) is designed to reduce demand for drinking water through specific water restrictions which become more restrictive with higher stages. The complete plan can be found on our website at <https://www.qathet.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Myrtle-Pond-Water-Service-Drinking-Water-Conservation-Plan.pdf>

Stage 2 restrictions are in effect, please abide by these restrictions. Stage 2 and 3 restrictions, activated and deactivated by the Manager of Operational Services, are likely to be activated during unusually hot and dry conditions to maximize conservation. A copy of these restrictions, also found within the complete plan, are attached. **LANDLORDS: Please ensure your tenants are aware of these restrictions.**

The decision to activate more restrictive stages of the DWCP is based on measured facts, reasoned predictions, and historical patterns with a goal of ensuring the sufficient supply of water until the concerns that caused the more restrictive stages are over, typically in the early fall with the return of seasonal rainfall.

If you are experiencing problems with your water service, please contact the water system caretaker, Bill Taylor, at 604-414-8298. For more information about the DWCP, check our webpage at <https://www.qathet.ca/services/utilities/water/> or you can contact me directly.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Devereaux'.

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3.2 Stage 2 Water Restrictions

Stage 2 restrictions conserve drinking water to ensure the existing supply will last until the return of seasonal rainfall or until the water shortage situation is over. These restrictions are designed to conserve enough drinking water to avoid or delay moving to Stage 3 as long as possible.

User	Water Use	Restriction
Residential	Watering lawns	Even-numbered civic addresses on Saturdays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Automatic watering from 5 am to 7 am - Manual watering from 6 am to 9 am Odd-numbered civic addresses on Sundays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Automatic watering from 5 am to 7 am - Manual watering from 6 am to 9 am
	Watering new lawns or lawns being treated for the European Chafer Beetle	Under written permission only, Stage 1 written permission remains in effect until the end of term or permission is withdrawn
	Watering trees, shrubs, and flowers excluding edible plants	On any day from 5 am to 9 am if using a sprinkler On any day at any time if using a handheld hose, soaker hose, water container, or drip irrigation
	Washing impermeable surfaces	Prohibited except if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For a health or safety reason - Preparing a surface for painting or similar treatment - Aesthetic cleaning by a commercial cleaning operation
	Topping up or filling aesthetic water features	Prohibited
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	Under written permission only, Stage 1 written permission remains in effect until the end of term or permission is withdrawn
	Watering trees, shrubs, and flowers excluding edible plants	On any day from 4 am to 9 am if using a sprinkler On any day at any time if using a handheld hose, soaker hose, water container, or drip irrigation
	Watering golf courses	Fairways watering anytime on any one day in a 7-day period, except if operating under an approved member jurisdiction water management plan
	Washing impermeable surfaces	Prohibited except if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For a health or safety reason - Preparing a surface for painting or similar treatment - Aesthetic cleaning by a commercial cleaning operation
	Topping up or filling aesthetic water features	Prohibited



“Genetically Engineered Free Crop Area”

User	Water Use	Restriction
Governments/Schools/Parks	Watering lawns and grass boulevards	Prohibited
	Watering new lawns or lawns being treated for the European Chafer Beetle	Under written permission only, Stage 1 written permission remains in effect until the end of term or permission is withdrawn
	Watering trees, shrubs, and flowers excluding edible plants	On any day from 4 am to 9 am if using a sprinkler On any day at any time if using a handheld hose, soaker hose, water container, or drip irrigation
	Watering soil-based playing fields	No more than 4 days in a 7-day period from 7 pm to 9 am, except if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watering newly over-seeded fields if in compliance with the written permission from a member jurisdiction - Operating under an approved member jurisdiction water management plan
	Watering sand-based playing fields	On any day from 7 pm to 9 am, except if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watering newly over-seeded fields if in compliance with the written permission from a member jurisdiction - Operating under an approved member jurisdiction water management plan
	Flushing water mains	Prohibited
	Operating water play parks and pools	Prohibited except water play parks with user activated switches
	Topping up or filling aesthetic water features	Prohibited