

## **Stage 3 Watering Restrictions for Englishman River Water Service Area**

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is relaxing the Englishman River Community Water Service Area (River's Edge subdivision) to Stage 3 Watering Restrictions effective today, August 6, 2021. Residents have been very supportive of the need for Stage 4 restrictions and the water levels in the groundwater supply wells have returned to seasonal norms. Large water leaks on several private properties have been identified and isolated over the past few weeks and water demand has been significantly reduced.

Stage 3 Watering Restrictions encourage voluntary heightened reductions in water usage, above what is allowed in Stage 2. Stage 2 restrictions allow watering for 2 hours maximum between 7 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 10 p.m. on alternate days.


A map and watering restriction details for each of the RDN's water service areas can be found on the RDN webpage at [www.rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map).

The RDN will closely monitor the water supply and residential water usage over the next few weeks. It is possible that conditions will dictate a return to Stage 4 restrictions (a comprehensive ban on outdoor watering). Your cooperation during this unseasonably hot weather is greatly appreciated.

Private wells are not subject to municipal watering restrictions, but conservation is encouraged as water is a shared resource. Drip irrigation and hand watering with a hose equipped with a shutoff device are still permitted. Soaker hoses are not considered "drip" irrigation as the flow rate can be greater than 5 gallons per minute (300 gallons per hour). Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions.

### **For more information, please contact:**

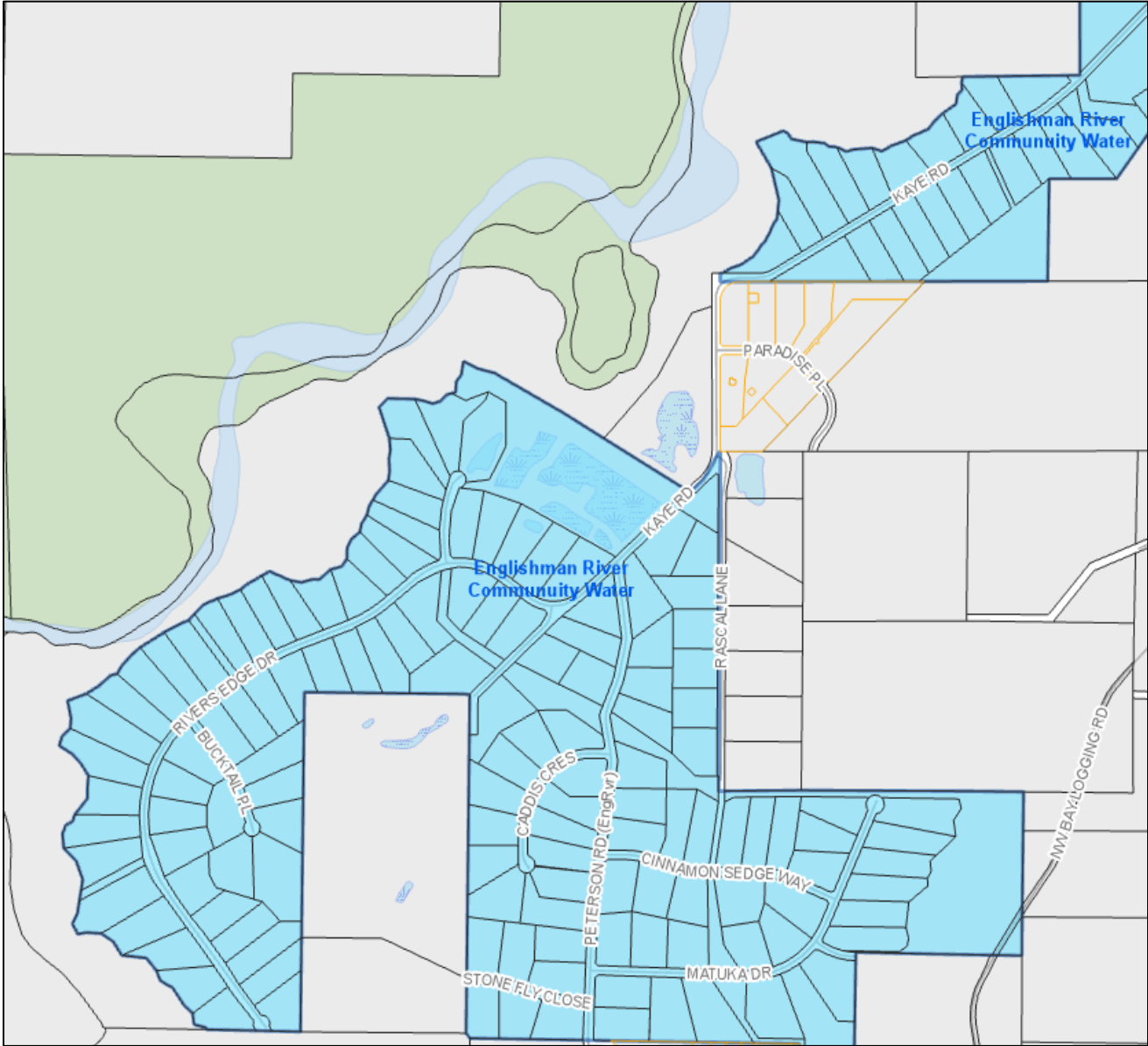
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