

Watering Restrictions Lifted for most RDN Water Service Areas on November 1

Most Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Water Service Areas will be lifting watering restrictions at the end of the month. On November 1, all watering restrictions will be lifted except for the Decourcey and Surfside Water Service Areas which will remain at Stage 4 due to operational needs.

The recent rain has helped relieve drought conditions and reduced the seasonal water demand in our communities. Most systems annually end watering restrictions in November, as precipitation increases to seasonal norms.

The provincial drought rating for eastern Vancouver Island has eased, and stream flows are returning to normal levels for this time of year. Conserving water, however, is an important, year-round habit as drought conditions are coming earlier and lasting longer than in the past. The RDN thanks residents for doing their part to conserve water during the hot, dry summer we experienced. Reducing non-essential water use helped retain water for our aquatic environments, fire protection and essential household use.

Please refer to the accompanying table for watering restrictions by location and visit your respective water provider's website for more details and current information. A map of water service areas, including current watering restrictions, can be viewed at rdn.bc.ca/watering-restriction-map. For tips on water conservation, visit teamwatersmart.ca.

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Watering Restriction Stages	Water Service Areas
STAGE 4	Regional District of Nanaimo (Water Service Areas): • Surfside • Decourcey (Pylades) These systems remain in Stage 4 due to operational needs.
STAGE 2	District of Lantzville
NO RESTRICTIONS ALL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED NOV. 1, 2025	City of Nanaimo North Cedar Improvement District Regional District of Nanaimo (Water Service Areas): • Nanoose Bay Peninsula, • River's Edge • French Creek/ Sandpiper • San Pareil • Whiskey Creek • Westurne Heights • Melrose Terrace City of Parksville EPCOR French Creek Bowser Waterworks Town of Qualicum Beach Qualicum Bay Horne Lake Waterworks Deep Bay Improvement District

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