

October 2, 2026

Watering Restrictions Downgraded to Stage 2 for Most RDN Water Service Areas

Effective October 2, watering restrictions have been downgraded to Stage 2 in Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Water Service Areas except for the Decourcey and Surfside Water Service Areas which will remain at Stage 4 due to operational needs.

Recent rain events have relieved drought conditions and reduced water demand in our communities. Many 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. Increasing our water efficiency helps build drought-resilience over the long term. We thank residents for doing their part!

In Stage 2, even-numbered addresses can water on even-numbered days between the hours of 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., for no more than two hours per day; and odd-numbered addresses can water on odd-numbered days between the hours of 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. to 10 pm, for no more than two hours per day.

Please refer to the table below 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 as of October 2, 2026 <i>Check with your local water service provider for any recent updates</i>	Water Service Areas
STAGE 4	Regional District of Nanaimo (Water Service Areas): • Surfside • Decourcey (Pylades) District of Lantzville
STAGE 3	City of Parksville Deep Bay Improvement District City of Nanaimo
STAGE 2	Regional District of Nanaimo (Water Service Areas): • Nanoose Bay Peninsula • River's Edge • French Creek/ Sandpiper • San Pareil • Whiskey Creek • Westurne Heights • Melrose Terrace North Cedar Improvement District Bowser Waterworks EPCOR French Creek
NO RESTRICTIONS	Town of Qualicum Beach Qualicum Bay Horne Lake Waterworks

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