



OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS STAGES:

THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS IS CURRENTLY AT STAGE 2 FOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Abiding to sprinkler regulations pays

WATER EVERY DROP COUNTS

dividends. When using water responsibly and within regulations, power and operational costs are reduced saving our community money. Energy reduction also relates to less greenhouse gas emissions and less draw from our aquifer. A reminder that water restrictions are in place in the City of Grand Forks.

Sprinkling will be monitored by Bylaw Enforcement.

Due to the rapidly diminishing snow pack and the low volume of rain to date, the City may need to implement more restrictive conservation measures should the current warm weather trend continue.

STAGE 1: ALTERNATIVE DAYS WATERING

Days of Watering: Sprinkling is only permitted at residential, commercial and other non-agricultural properties as follows:

“EVEN” numbered civic addresses may sprinkle on “even” numbered days between the hours of 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

“ODD” numbered civic addresses may sprinkle on “odd” numbered days between the hours of 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Automatic Timed Underground Sprinklers can water between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) until 4:00 a.m.

Sprinkling is NOT permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. during any day at any time of the year.

STAGE 2: TWICE A WEEK WATERING

Days of Watering: Sprinkling is only permitted at residential, commercial and other non-agricultural properties as follows:

“EVEN” numbered civic addresses: Watering is only permitted on Saturdays and Tuesdays, between the hours of 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

“Odd” numbered civic addresses: Watering is only permitted on Sundays and Wednesdays, between the hours of 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Automatic Timed Underground Sprinklers can water between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) until 4:00 a.m.

*** CITY OF GRAND FORKS CURRENT STAGE ***

STAGE 3: ONCE A WEEK WATERING

Days of Watering: Sprinkling is only permitted at residential, commercial and other non-agricultural properties as follows:

“EVEN” numbered civic addresses: Watering is only permitted on Saturdays, between the hours of 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

“Odd” numbered civic addresses: Watering is only permitted on Sundays, between the hours of 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Automatic Timed Underground Sprinklers can water between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) until 4:00 a.m.

STAGE 4: NO OUTDOOR WATERING

No person shall use water outdoors for any purpose.

For a full list of sprinkling regulations please visit: www.grandforks.ca or contact City Hall at 7217 4th Street, Grand Forks 250-442-8266

Water Conservation Tips



All of our drinking water (or water for household use) comes from ground-water sources and, like many communities in southern BC, we face drought and water supply issues during the hot summer months and very high energy costs for pumping water during high demand. Our water infrastructure – the system that treats and delivers water to our homes and businesses and removes wastewater – will need millions of dollars of upgrading and expansion to keep up with current demand unless we take steps to reduce and better manage our precious water resources.

Why Should We Conserve Water?

1) Environment

- Protect our aquifer over the long term by reducing water demand to a level that can be supported by the groundwater source.
- Enhance and protect the Kettle River watershed
- Preserve fish and wildlife habitats

2) Improve Our Carbon Footprint

- Reduced energy requirements for pumping groundwater, water treatment and sewage treatment centers
- Reduced energy requirements for heating water

3) Operations

Water is the source of all life in the Boundary region. It is essential to our well-being and to the creatures we share this region with. It is central to the stunning landscape, strong economy, and unique culture of the Boundary. Our goal is to protect and enhance the quality of life of Boundary residents by protecting and managing our water resources, but we can't do it alone.

We all share the valleys and the water; therefore we need to share the responsibility of protecting our water and quality of life.

The Boundary's rivers, lakes, beaches, mountains, and wild spaces are what drew many of us to live here. It is this natural setting that also attracts visitors each year.

If we act to protect our water and natural space now, our children and grandchildren can be assured of enjoying the same beautiful areas we enjoy today. But, we must all do our part.

- The average Canadian uses 329 litres of water per day, although the average Canadian thinks they use 132 litres per day.
- At 720 litres a day, typical usage in Grand Forks is more than twice the Canadian average.
- 26% of British Columbians have no idea where the water that flows out of their tap comes from.
- 65% of all indoor water use occurs in the bathroom. The next highest area of use is laundry, which accounts for 20%, followed by kitchen/drinking (10%) and cleaning (5%).
- Domestic water consumption can increase up to 50% in the summer months when people are watering their lawns and gardens.

When it comes to water conservation, every little bit helps. Conserving water is simple and easy and will save you money on your utility bills.