
Township of Langley

NEWS RELEASE

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Don't Waste What We Drink

Langley, BC – Record heat waves and dry spells are happening across the province, which could result in reduced water supply in some areas, including the Township of Langley.

The Township of Langley takes great lengths to ensure the municipal water supply, capacity, and infrastructure is one of the best in the region. But when temperatures are at their hottest, water use doubles and residents use more water than any other time of the year. In Metro Vancouver alone, the average amount of water used daily is one billion litres – enough to fill BC Place.

During summers like these, and as we continue to experience longer dry spells and hotter days, it is more important than ever to conserve water when and where possible. Already this season, the Township has experienced demand on water infrastructure due to low recovery rates of some reservoirs and residents using more water at home. Prolonged demand could further strain water resources and even affect fire response capabilities. To ensure regional aquifers are preserved and there is enough water available for when we need it most, we all need to ensure we are not using water faster than it can be replenished.

Conserving water is easier than you may think, and even the smallest efforts can make an impact. While you likely already turn off the taps when you brush your teeth and only run the dishwasher when it is full, consider other ways to save water. Simple changes such as combining loads of laundry, scraping food scraps into the compost instead washing them down the sink, chilling a pitcher of water in the fridge instead of letting water run cold, or choosing a low-flow toilet make a difference.

If you have a lawn, the best way to conserve water this summer is to leave it alone and let it “go golden.” If you do choose to water, ensure you are adhering to your permitted watering days and times: like all municipalities in the region, the Township of Langley is under Stage 1 of Metro Vancouver’s Watering Restrictions, which are automatically implemented each year from May 1 to October 15.

Under current Stage 1 Watering Restrictions, residents with even street addresses can water their lawns between 4:00 - 9:00am on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Those in odd numbered properties can water during the same hours on Thursday and Sunday mornings. In the case of multi-unit complexes, the complex address, not unit number, determines watering days.

While most residents are familiar with seasonal water restrictions, businesses and other non-residential properties are reminded they are subject to specific watering days and times as well. Even addresses can water lawns from 1:00 - 6:00am on Mondays, and those with odd addresses on Tuesdays. All non-residential addresses can water lawns on Fridays from 4:00 - 9:00am.

Stage 2 restrictions can be activated during periods of extended drought or if there is a concern about reservoir levels. These additional restrictions build on Stage 1 and reduce consumption of drinking water by further limiting non-essential use. If Stage 2 restrictions were to be enacted, updates would be posted to **tol.ca**.

Help conserve water and save this precious resource for when we need it most. Don't waste what we drink. Find more information on water conservation in the Township at **tol.ca/waterwise**. For details on water restrictions, visit **tol.ca/waterrestrictions**.

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Photo cutline: water conservation is always wise, especially this summer - don't waste what we drink.

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