



# Outdoor water restrictions

Together, we can protect the water we all depend on.



### Water wise tips:

- If you have a rain barrel, use the rain water you collected to water your plants.
- Adding gravel or mulch on top of flower beds will help retain moisture in your soil.
- Incorporating drought tolerant plants that thrive on less water will keep your yard looking beautiful longer.

There are times when the Town of Strathmore may need to call on the entire community to temporarily reduce their non-essential outdoor water use such as when:

- Less water is available in the rivers, due to drought.
- Water treatment infrastructure is being repaired or upgraded.
- Water demand is high due to hot temperatures and is straining the capacity of water treatment plants.
- River water quality is poor, and it takes longer to treat.

If we all do our part and follow the restrictions when they're in place, we can reduce the strain on the rivers and water treatment plants.

### Lets all do our part

The restrictions apply to all Town of Strathmore Water Utility customers, including:

- Residences
- Business and organizations
- Town of Strathmore operations

There are some exceptions that allow certain customers to continue outdoor water use for health and safety reasons or for core business needs. This includes:

- Watering plants, shrubs and trees for commercial sale.
- Washing outdoor surfaces for childcare facilities, restaurants, kennel and animal care facilities.
- Washing of vehicles subject to health and safety regulations.
- Businesses that have a license to operate exterior window washing services.

During times of water shortages, The Town of Strathmore also reduces water use. This includes things like reducing or restricting sprinkler systems at Town owned parks, closing the splash park, and using non-potable water on public flowers and trees.

## Take action when outdoor water restrictions are declared:

### 1. Find out what water restriction stage is in place.

Outdoor water restrictions will be announced through the Town's website, local news, and social media.

### 2. Understand how you can water and when you can use water outdoors.

Depending on the water restriction stage, please refer to the following table to understand what mandatory actions to take.

### 3. Stay informed.










We're constantly monitoring the community's water usage to determine the restriction necessary and will advise of any changes.



Visit [Strathmore.ca/ConserveWater](https://www.strathmore.ca/ConserveWater) for more information.

## Outdoor water restriction stages

There are four stages of mandatory outdoor water restrictions, based on the severity of the water situation. These restrictions are enforceable by the Water Utility Bylaw No. 18-06.

As of June 30, 2024.		STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4
Sprinklers 		<b>YES</b> 2 hr max., one day/week	<b>YES</b> 1 hr max., one day/week	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Watering schedule is based on house number: <b>Even house number:</b> Wednesday or Saturday <b>Odd house number:</b> Thursday or Sunday <b>Watering is allowed between</b> • 4 a.m. to 10 a.m.; or • 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.			<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Hoses with spray nozzle  Only for gardens, trees and shrubs		<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Hand watering 		<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>NO</b>
Watering new grass 		<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>NO</b>
Washing outdoor:  Cars, windows, exterior building surfaces, sidewalks, driveways or walkways		<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Filling outdoor pools or hot tubs 		<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Filling of fountains and other decorative features 		<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Water use for construction purposes including grading, compaction and dust control 		<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>YES</b> Any day/time	<b>NO</b>
Water use after applying pesticides or fertilizer 		<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>