

# RESIDENTIAL WATER RESTRICTIONS

This chart explains residential water use in Abbotsford and Mission in stages 1 - 4 of water restrictions. Water restrictions are in place to ensure there is enough water for everyone in both communities as the temperature increases in the summer months.

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= Allowed



= Allowed but with restrictions



= Not allowed

WATER USE	STAGES				RESTRICTION DETAILS
	1	2	3	4	
<b>Watering lawns</b>	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	<b>Stage 1:</b> One morning per week. Even addresses water on Saturdays. Odd on Sundays. <b>Automatic watering:</b> from 5 - 7 am. <b>Manual watering</b> from 6 - 9 am.
<b>Watering new lawns</b> or lawns being treated for the European Chafer Beetle	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	<b>Stage 1:</b> On any day within permitted times if in compliance with a sprinkling permit. <b>Stage 2:</b> Sprinkling permits issued in Stage 1 will remain in effect until permit expires. No new permits will be issued or renewed.
<b>Watering trees, shrubs, and flowers excluding edible plants</b> (Edible plants include vegetable gardens, fruit bearing plants and herbs. Edible plants are exempt from restrictions in Stages 1 to 3.)	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	<b>Stages 1 &amp; 2:</b> On any day from 5 - 9 am if using a sprinkler or soaker hose and on any day at any time if using a hand-held hose with automatic shut-off device, water container, or drip/micro spray irrigation. <b>Stage 3:</b> On any day at any time if using a hand-held hose with automatic shut-off device, water container, or drip/micro spray irrigation. Prohibited if using a sprinkler or soaker hose.
<b>Washing impermeable surfaces</b> (Impermeable surfaces include sidewalks, driveways and exterior building surfaces)	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red	<b>Stage 2: Prohibited</b> except if for a health or safety reason, preparing a surface for painting or similar treatment, or aesthetic cleaning by a commercial cleaning operation. <b>Stage 3: Prohibited</b> except if for a health or safety reason. No aesthetic cleaning. <b>Stage 4: Prohibited</b> except if ordered by a regulatory authority for a health or safety reason.
<b>Topping up or filling aesthetic water features</b>	Green	Red	Red	Red	
<b>Topping up or filling pools and hot tubs</b>	Green	Red	Red	Red	
<b>Washing vehicles and boats</b>	Green	Green	Red	Red	<b>Stage 3: Prohibited</b> except to clean windows, lights, mirrors, license plates, and boat engines for safety and invasive species management. <b>Stage 4: Prohibited</b> except to clean windows, lights, mirrors, license plates, and boat engines for safety.



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