

Your business guide to outdoor water restrictions

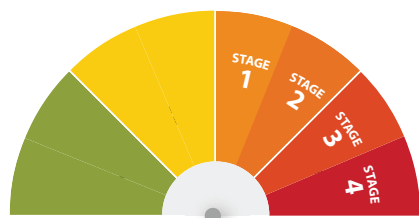
There may be times when we need all Calgarians to temporarily reduce their outdoor water use, such as when:

- Less water is available in the rivers, due to drought.
- Water demand is high due to hot temperatures and is straining the capacity of our water treatment plants.
- We're repairing or upgrading our water system infrastructure.
- River water quality is poor, like during a flood, and it takes longer to treat.



Take action when outdoor water restrictions are declared

Restrictions apply to all Calgary residences, businesses, organizations and City operations.



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

Outdoor water restrictions will be announced through local news, social media and on calgary.ca/restrictions
































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

Please refer to the table on the back to understand what mandatory actions to take.

3. Restrictions may change. Stay informed.































We're constantly monitoring conditions and our city's water usage to determine the necessary water restriction stage.

Outdoor water restriction stages

	Stage 1	Stage 2
	 2 days/week	 1 day/week
Watering lawns and gardens using a sprinkler or irrigation system with an automatic shut off	Even building number – Tuesday and Saturday Odd building number – Wednesday and Sunday Water before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m.	Even building number – Either Tuesday or Saturday Odd building number – Either Wednesday or Sunday Water before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
Watering newly planted grass, trees and shrubs • Sod laid within 21 days • Seed sown within 45 days • Trees and shrubs less than 5 years old	 Any day/time Any watering method	 Any day/time Any watering method
Certified water managed sites (lawns, gardens, seed and sod)	 Tier One sites: Reduce watering by 10% Tier Two sites: Reduce watering by 15%	 Tier One sites: Reduce watering by 20% Tier Two sites: Reduce watering by 25%
Watering gardens, trees and shrubs by hose with a spring-loaded spray nozzle or hand-held watering container. Lawns are excluded.	 Any day/time	 Any day/time
Watering edible food crops	 Any day/time Any watering method	 Any day/time Any watering method
Testing and auditing irrigation systems	 Any day/time	 Any day/time
Watering plants for commercial sale or donation (nurseries, garden centres, turf and tree farms, urban farms and food growing community organizations)	 	
Washing outdoor building surfaces and windows	 Any day/time	 Any day/time
Washing sidewalks, driveways or walkways Unless required for health and safety regulations	 	
Filling outdoor pools, hot tubs and wading pools	 Any day/time	 Any day/time
Filling fountains and other decorative features	 	
Water use for construction or renovation	 Any day/time	 Any day/time
Washing cars outdoors (water only) Unless required for health and safety regulations.	 Any day/time	 Any day/time
Operating indoor car washes	 	
Watering livestock	 	
Outdoor snow or ice making	 	

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Outdoor water restriction stages

	Stage 3	Stage 4
Watering lawns and gardens using a sprinkler or irrigation system with an automatic shut off		
Watering newly planted grass, trees and shrubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sod laid within 21 days • Seed sown within 45 days • Trees and shrubs less than 5 years old 	CONDITIONAL Allowed any day/time only by hose with a spring-loaded spray nozzle or hand-held container	
Certified water managed sites (lawns, gardens, seed and sod)	 Tier One sites: Reduce watering by 30% Tier Two sites: Reduce watering by 35%	
Watering gardens, trees and shrubs by hose with a spring-loaded spray nozzle or hand-held watering container. Lawns are excluded.	 Any day/time	
Watering edible food crops	 Any day/time	 Any day/time
	Only by hose with a spring-loaded spray nozzle or hand-held container	
Testing and auditing irrigation systems	CONDITIONAL Allowed only at certified water managed sites or applicants to the Water Managed Sites Program undergoing irrigation auditing	
Watering plants for commercial sale or donation (nurseries, garden centres, turf and tree farms, urban farms and food growing community organizations)		
Washing outdoor building surfaces and windows	 Any day/time	
Washing sidewalks, driveways or walkways Unless required for health and safety regulations		
Filling outdoor pools, hot tubs and wading pools		
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