

Outdoor Water Restrictions Stage 1 – At a Glance

The following is an excerpt from the Water Utility Bylaw 40M2006, Schedule “E” which is available on Calgary.ca

| ACTIVITY | | RESTRICTION DETAILS |
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| Residential | Watering of lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs using sprinkler and/or irrigation system. | Allowed. Limited to one day per week to a maximum of 2 hours/day within the hours of 4 – 7 a.m., 9 to 11 a.m., or 7 to 10 p.m. Watering must occur on the day designated for your area by your postal code. Or, allowed if using a Water Managed System with a certificate from The City. |
| | Watering of new (un-established) lawns. | Permitted for new sod (within 21 days) or seed (within 45 days) only. |
| | Watering of gardens, planters, trees and shrubs using a spring-type nozzle with automatic shut-off connected to hose or hand-held container. | Allowed. |
| | Filling of fountains and other decorative features. | Not allowed. |
| | Filling of outdoor swimming pools, hot tubs and wading pools. | Allowed. |
| | Washing down outdoor surfaces, including exterior buildings, sidewalks, driveways and walkways. | Not allowed, unless required for health and safety reasons. Exterior window washing only allowed by those with a license to operate a window washing service. |
| | Watering for construction purposes (grading, compaction, dust control). | Allowed. |
| | Washing of vehicles on driveways. | Not allowed, unless required for health and safety reasons. |
| Business | Watering of lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs using sprinkler and/or irrigation system. | Allowed. Limited to one day per week to a maximum of 2 hours/day within the hours of 4 – 7 a.m., 9 to 11 a.m., or 7 to 10 p.m. Watering must occur on the day designated for your area by your postal code. Or, allowed if using a Water Managed System with a certificate from The City. |
| | Watering of plants for commercial sale (i.e. nurseries, garden centres, turf and tree farms, market gardens and community gardens). | Allowed. |
| | Watering of new (unestablished) lawns. | Permitted for new sod (within 21 days) or seed (within 45 days) only. |
| | Watering of gardens, planters, trees and shrubs using a spring-type nozzle with automatic shut-off connected to hose or hand-held container. | Allowed. |
| | Filling of fountains and other decorative features. | Not allowed. |
| | Filling of outdoor swimming pools, hot tubs and wading pools. | Allowed. |
| | Manual, exterior window washing. | Allowed only by those with a license to operate a window washing service. |
| | Watering for construction purposes (grading, compaction, dust control). | Allowed. |
| | Washing down outdoor surfaces, including exterior buildings, sidewalks, driveways and walkways. | Not allowed, unless required for health and safety reasons (childcare facilities, food and beverage establishments, animal care and kennel facilities). |
| | Washing of fleet vehicles outdoors. | Not allowed, unless required for health and safety reasons. |
| | Operate indoor car washes. | Allowed. |
| | Watering of livestock. | Allowed. |
| Outdoor snow or ice making. | Allowed. | |
| City of Calgary | Essential hydrant and main flushing. | Allowed. |
| | Essential street cleaning and bridge washing. | Allowed. |
| | Washing of fleet vehicles outdoors. | Not allowed, unless required for health and safety reasons. |
| | Watering of City lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs using sprinkler and/or irrigation system. | Not allowed, unless using Water Managed System or using storm water. |