

Outdoor Water Restrictions Stage 1 – At a Glance

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

	ACTIVITY	RESTRICTION DETAILS
Residential	Watering of lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs using sprinkler and/or irrigation system.	Limited to one day per week according to a specific schedule that is determined by house number. House numbers ending with an even number can water on Wednesday or Saturday. House numbers ending with an odd number can water on Thursday or Sunday. Watering is limited to a maximum total of two hours from 4 to 7 a.m., 9 to 11 a.m. or 7 to 10 p.m. Or, must reduce watering by 10%-15% 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 sidewalks, walkways, driveways, exterior building surfaces or other outdoor surfaces.	Not allowed, unless required by health and safety regulations. Exterior window washing only allowed by licensed cleaning services.
	Water use for construction purposes including grading, compaction and dust control.	Allowed.
	Washing of vehicles outdoors.	Not allowed, unless subject to health and safety regulations.
Business	Watering of lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs using sprinkler and/or irrigation system.	Allowed. Limited to one day per week according to a specific schedule that is determined by house number. House numbers ending with an even number can water on Wednesday or Saturday. House numbers ending with an odd number can water on Thursday or Sunday. Watering is limited to a maximum total of two hours from 4 to 7 a.m., 9 to 11 a.m. or 7 to 10 p.m. Or, must reduce watering by 10%-15% 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 licensed cleaning services.
	Watering for construction purposes (grading, compaction, dust control).	Allowed.
	Washing down sidewalks, walkways, driveways, exterior building surfaces or other outdoor surfaces.	Not allowed, unless required by health and safety regulations (childcare facilities, food and beverage establishments, animal care and kennel facilities).
	Washing of fleet vehicles outdoors.	Not allowed, unless subject to health and safety regulations.
	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 subject to health and safety regulations.
	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.