

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	
 Watering lawns	Allowed but with restrictions	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Stage 1: One morning per week. Even addresses water on Saturdays. Odd on Sundays. Automatic watering: from 5 - 7 am. Manual watering from 6 - 9 am.
 Watering new lawns or lawns being treated for the European Chafer Beetle	Allowed but with restrictions	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Stage 1: On any day within permitted times if in compliance with a sprinkling permit. Stage 2: Sprinkling permits issued in Stage 1 will remain in effect until permit expires. No new permits will be issued or renewed.
 Watering trees, shrubs, and flowers excluding edible plants (Edible plants include vegetable gardens, fruit bearing plants and herbs. Edible plants are exempt from restrictions in Stages 1 to 3.)	Allowed but with restrictions	Allowed but with restrictions	Allowed but with restrictions	Not allowed	Stages 1 & 2: 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. Stage 3: 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.
 Washing impermeable surfaces (Impermeable surfaces include sidewalks, driveways and exterior building surfaces)	Allowed	Allowed but with restrictions	Allowed but with restrictions	Not allowed	Stage 2: Prohibited except if for a health or safety reason, preparing a surface for painting or similar treatment, or aesthetic cleaning by a commercial cleaning operation. Stage 3: Prohibited except if for a health or safety reason. No aesthetic cleaning. Stage 4: Prohibited except if ordered by a regulatory authority for a health or safety reason.
 Topping up or filling aesthetic water features	Allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Stage 2, 3 & 4: Prohibited
 Topping up or filling pools and hot tubs	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed but with restrictions	Not allowed	Stage 3: Prohibited except if hot tub or swimming pool poses a valid operating permit in compliance with Fraser Health. Stage 4: Prohibited
 Washing vehicles and boats	Allowed	Allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Stage 3: Prohibited except to clean windows, lights, mirrors, license plates, and boat engines for safety and invasive species management. Stage 4: Prohibited except to clean windows, lights, mirrors, license plates, and boat engines for safety.



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