

# INSTITUTIONAL WATER RESTRICTIONS

This chart explains institutional 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> and grass boulevards	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	<b>Stage 1:</b> One morning per week. Even addresses on Mondays, Odd addresses on Tuesdays. <b>Automatic watering</b> from 4 - 6 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> <small>(Edible plants include vegetable gardens, fruit bearing plants and herbs. Edible plants are exempt from restrictions in Stages 1 to 3.)</small>	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	<b>Stages 1 &amp; 2:</b> On any day from 4 - 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>Watering soil-based playing fields</b>	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red	<b>Stage 1 &amp; 2:</b> Soil-based fields may be watered on alternate days between 11 pm - 8 am. <b>Stage 3:</b> Soil-based fields may be watered up to three days per week between 11 pm - 8 am. Watering newly over-seeded fields if in compliance with approved water management plan is allowed.
<b>Watering sand-based playing fields</b>	Green	Green	Yellow	Red	<b>Stage 1 &amp; 2:</b> Sand-based fields may be watered daily between 11 pm - 8 am. <b>Stage 3:</b> Sand-based fields may be watered up to five days per week between 11 pm - 8 am. Watering newly over-seeded fields if in compliance with approved water management plan is allowed.
<b>Flushing water mains</b>	Green	Green	Red	Red	<b>Stage 1 &amp; 2:</b> Permitted for health and safety
<b>Hydrant use permits</b>	Green	Green	Red	Red	
<b>Operating water play parks &amp; pools</b>	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red	<b>Stage 2 &amp; 3: Prohibited</b> except water play parks with user-activated switches.
<b>Topping up or filling aesthetic water features</b>	Green	Red	Red	Red	
<b>Topping up or filling pools &amp; hot tubs</b>	Green	Red	Red	Red	<b>Stage 3: Prohibited</b> except for pools and hot tubs with a permit to operate in accordance with health authorities having jurisdiction over pool and hot tub regulation.
<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