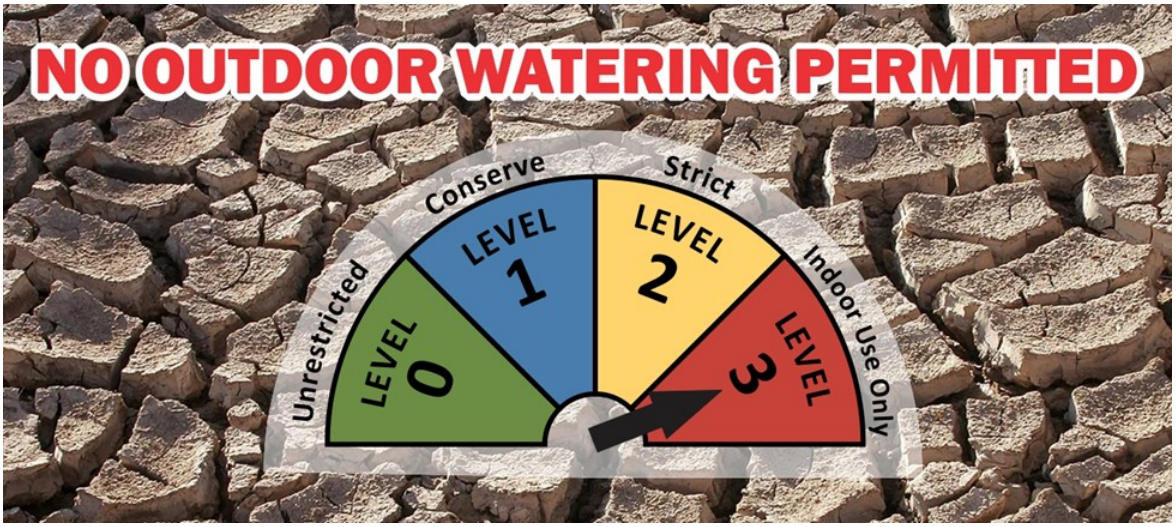
Village Update

SPECIAL EDITION

October 12, 2022



Residents urged to conserve water…

Below-normal stream flows and continuing unprecedented drought conditions in the Province are expected to continue for another week or more. The south coast is at **Drought Level 5** which is the highest it can go. The lack of meaningful precipitation since early July is significantly impacting our ability to provide drinking water at the current rate of consumption for residents of Lions Bay.

The following table compares Lions Bay's average daily residential water consumption between 2021 and 2022 – values are in US Gallons:

	2021	2022
July	554,000	481,250
August	485,000	534,236
September	449,000	619,684
October	332,345	717,000

The 717,000 USG consumed yesterday is down only marginally from the 782,000 consumed last Friday. As you can see, we're still using about ***240,000 gallons per day more water now than we were in July***! This level of water use is unsustainable given the current creek flows and puts us at serious risk of not being able to recover in the

event of a house fire or wildfire.

We know residents can do better and simply need to look at historical consumption during the fall / winter of last year to confirm this. So, we ask that everyone please do their best to conserve water and bring our consumption rates down to typical winter consumption rates of below 500,000 gallons per day. Talk to your friends and neighbours to ensure they are aware!

NO OUTDOOR WATER USE

The Village is currently under Water Conservation Level 3, which means all outdoor water use (with very few exceptions) is banned. For details please see the **Outdoor Water Use Conservation Measures Chart** in the "Village of Lions Bay Outdoor Water Use Bylaw 484, 2015, or see the graphical representation here: **Watering Restrictions Infographic**. If you have an automated irrigation system, please ensure it is shut off or request your contractor to do so immediately.

INDOOR WATER USE REQUESTS

In addition to this, residents are being asked to step up to the water conservation challenge by reducing indoor water use as much as possible by following some of these innocuous tips:

- Reduce your showers by 2 minutes and save 120 gallons (455 L) per month
- Fill a tub ½ way and save 10 gallons (38 L) per bath
- Use the adage "if it's yellow let it mellow" and save 1.5 gallons (5.7 L) or more per flush depending upon your toilet
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 2 gallons (7.5 L) per minute
- Check your taps and toilets for leaks. A leaking toilet can waste 80 gallons (300 L) per week

Public Works will be doing their part by checking the entire Village for leaks. You can help here as well; let us know if:

1. You hear running water when you're sure you're not using any water
2. If you perceive a loss in water pressure
3. If you notice wet spots in your yard or on boulevards

Contact us by email at **works@lionsbay.ca** or call us at 604-921-9833

What do I do if I see someone else not following the Level 3 rules?

If you are comfortable doing so, please let them know the details of the restrictions that are in place in case they have not yet heard about this situation and the need to take water conservation seriously. To report people not following the restrictions, please email **bylaw@lionsbay.ca** or call the bylaw cell phone at (604) 834-3404. Bylaw Officers will be instructed to provide education and one stern warning, and then ticket anyone not complying with the outdoor restrictions. Thank you for your help and cooperation!

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