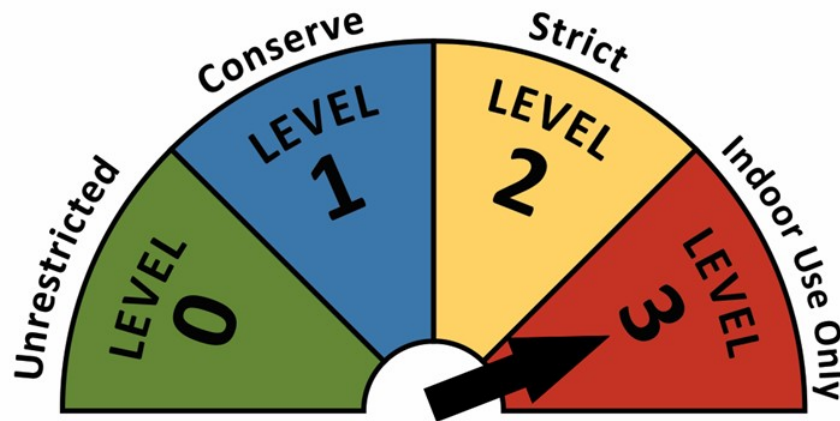




October 6, 2022

LEVEL 3 WATER CONSERVATION ENACTED



Level 3 Water Conservation Measures Begin at Midnight, October 6, 2022

Drought and water scarcity has prompted Public Works to move to Water Conservation Level 3 as of midnight on October 6, 2022.

NO OUTDOOR WATER USE IS PERMITTED

Under Water Conservation Level 3, 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.

The extraordinary stretch of warm, dry weather we've experienced this fall is predicted to continue across the West Coast and has prompted the Province to move the Lower Mainland to [Drought Level 5](#). Forecasters are predicting another upper-level ridge of high pressure that will keep the weather sunny and unseasonably warm with no sign of rain for the next two weeks other than a possible couple of millimeters on Thanksgiving Monday. Locally, creek flows in Magnesia and Harvey Creek have decreased dramatically and during peak use, are having a hard time keeping up with Village water use, which strains our treatment equipment and puts us at risk if there's a water main break or a wildfire to contend with.

In July, water use averaged 482,000 GAL (1,825 m³) per day, then in August that

bumped up to 534,000 GAL (2,055 m³). In late August, we went to Water Conservation Level 2 and rather than seeing a decline in the water use, daily consumption surged to 620,000 GAL (2,345 m³) per day. For the first week of October, current readings indicate that we are at 782,000 GAL (2,960 m³) water used per day. Given the current drought conditions and severely diminished creek flows, this level of water use is unsustainable and staff hope that moving to Water Conservation Level 3 will reduce consumption dramatically.

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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