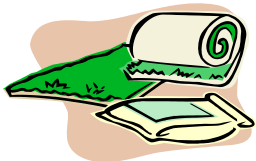


## GUIDELINES

**PERMITS:** The following permits are available:



**Sod Watering** - for those who have installed a new lawn, either newly seeded or new sod.

**Power Washing** - Available to a building owner or lessee which has a business license.

**Water Mister** – Available to a company which has a business license.

- Permits available at the Town office.
- **Permits will NOT be issued during Stage 3 & 4 restrictions.**

**EXEMPTIONS:** Watering of public sports fields, turf farms, and golf courses;

- Commercial Car washes so long as each wash does not exceed 57L of water;

- Under authority of permit issued by the Bylaw;

- People who by reason of physical or mental incapacity that are unable to water their property within the restricted days and times may water their property on any two day a week for a maximum of 8 hours per day.

**Watering of flower and vegetable gardens, decorative planters, shrubs and trees using micro-irrigation, drip-irrigation, or a hose with an automatic shut off nozzle.**


Town Staff will be adjusting the water schedule in Town Parks to align with Restrictions.

**ENFORCEMENT:** Bylaw Enforcement Officers have the authority to enter at all reasonable times on any property that is subject to the bylaw to ascertain if the bylaw requirements are being violated.

**FINES:** The penalty for not complying with the bylaw will result in a Municipal Ticket being issued.

Each date that a contravention of the bylaw exists or is permitted to exist constitutes a separate offence.

## WATER RESTRICTION STAGES

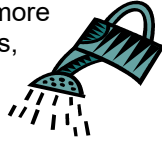
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<b>Guidelines</b>	<p><b><u>AUTOMATICALLY Controlled Underground Sprinkling Systems (Residential and Commercial)</u></b> Properties equipped with an automated time clock sprinkler system may sprinkle between the hours of <b>12:00 MIDNIGHT to 6:00 AM</b> on the days permitted by the stages.</p> <p><b><u>MANUALLY Controlled Sprinklers (Residential and Commercial)</u></b> Properties equipped with only manually controlled sprinkling systems, including those attached to outside taps, may operate from <b>6:00 AM to 10:00 AM</b> and from <b>7:00 PM to 12:00 MIDNIGHT</b> on the days permitted by the stages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO</b> sprinkling between the hours of <b>10:00 AM and 7:00 PM</b> during any day at any time of the year.</li> <li>• <b>NO</b> use of water to <b>wash sidewalks, driveways or parking lots</b>, except if necessary for applying a product such as paint or preservative.</li> <li>• Only one ½" (9mm) diameter outlet (outside tap) may be used at one time for sprinkling, and furthermore, it is not permissible to use an open pipe or hose for irrigating purposes.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Normal</b></p> 	<p><b>DAYS OF WATERING</b> Sprinkling is only permitted at residential, commercial and other non-agricultural properties as follows →</p>	<p><b>EVEN numbered addresses:</b> Watering is only permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday's during the times described above. <b>ODD numbered addresses:</b> Watering is only permitted on Wednesday's, Friday's and Sunday's during the times described above. <b>NO</b> use of water hoses permitted for the purpose of washing boats or motor vehicles unless the spray gun or spray wand <b>are equipped with an automatic shut off nozzle.</b></p>
<b>Stage 1</b>	<p><b>TWICE A WEEK WATERING</b> Sprinkling is only permitted at residential, commercial and other non-agricultural properties as follows →</p>	<p><b>EVEN Numbered Addresses:</b> Watering is only permitted on Saturdays and Tuesdays during the times described above. <b>ODD Numbered Addresses:</b> Watering is only permitted on Sundays and Wednesdays during the times described above. <b>NO</b> washing a vehicle or boat.</p>
<b>Stage 2</b>	<p><b>ONCE A WEEK WATERING</b> Sprinkling is only permitted at residential, commercial and other non-agricultural properties as follows →</p>	<p><b>EVEN numbered addresses:</b> Watering is only permitted on Saturdays during the times described above. <b>ODD numbered addresses:</b> Watering is only permitted on Sundays during the times described above. <b>NO</b> filling a swimming pool, hot tub, garden pond or decorative fountain at any time <b>NO</b> washing a vehicle or boat.</p>
<b>Stage 3</b>	<p><b>NO LAWN WATERING →</b></p>	<p><b>NO</b> sprinkling or irrigating any lawn or boulevard; <b>NO</b> filling a swimming pool, hot tub, garden pond or decorative fountain at any time; or <b>NO</b> washing a vehicle or a boat.</p>
<b>Stage 4</b>	<p><b>Emergency – NO OUTDOOR WATERING →</b></p>	<p><b>NO</b> person shall use water outdoors for any purpose.</p>

**\*REFER TO THE COMPLETE BYLAW FOR FULL DETAILS**

- Water when the sun is low, winds are calm and temperatures are cooler (see *staged restrictions*).

**Divide by zones**

- Different plants need different amounts of water.
- Divide your yard and landscape areas into separate irrigation zones so that grass can be watered separately and more frequently than groundcovers, shrubs and trees.
- Both sprinkler and drip irrigation can be incorporated to achieve more efficient use of water.



**Water only things that grow**

- If you have an underground sprinkler system, make sure the sprinkler heads are adjusted properly to avoid watering sidewalks and driveways.

**Do routine inspections**

- Periodically check your sprinklers to make sure everything is working properly.

**Be rain smart**

- Adjust your irrigation system as the seasons and weather change.

**WATER SERVICES CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Town of Osoyoos**

*Operational Services*

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Osoyoos, BC V0H 1V0

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(TF) 888.495.6515

(E) [pubworks@osoyoos.ca](mailto:pubworks@osoyoos.ca)

**“After Hours” Emergency Contact**

(C) 250.498.7676

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)**

**How will I be notified when the stages change, e.g. Normal to Stage 1?**

Notification will be published:

- Town’s Website [www.osoyoos.ca](http://www.osoyoos.ca)
- Town of Osoyoos E-News
- Local Radio Station
- Osoyoos Times

*Also may be published by other means as determined by the CAO.*

**My water is discoloured what can/should I do?**

You may be experiencing discoloured water due to the increased water usage that occurs in the spring, don’t be alarmed.

- Run a cold faucet for about 10-15 minutes or until the water clears.
- Do not use a hot water tap as doing so may draw sediment into your hot water tank.
- Do not choose a faucet with a water filter connected to it, as sediment may clog the filter.

**How often is the water being tested? And by whom?**

The testing of water samples is done weekly by CARO Analytical Services located in Kelowna.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The average adult drinks only about 3.8 litres of water per day, and that includes water used in drinks such as coffee, tea and juice.

*LIVESTRONG.COM*



Dripping taps are a major cause of wasted water and can also cause water damage in the home. Fixing a dripping tap can save up to 300 litres of quality BC drinking water per week.

*For more tips and information please go to [www.livingwatersmart.ca](http://www.livingwatersmart.ca).*



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