



STAGE 2 WATERING RESTRICTIONS NOW IN EFFECT

Stage 2 Watering Restrictions are now in effect for the Town of Ladysmith, Cowichan Valley Regional District (Shellwood and Saltair), Diamond Improvement District and Stz'uminus First Nation.

- Even numbered addresses can sprinkle their lawns between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday.
- Odd numbered addresses can sprinkle their lawns between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday.
- Trees, shrubs and flowers may be handwatered with a bucket, pail or spring-loaded spray nozzle between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. any day of the week to a maximum of 2 hours per day.
- Micro or drip irrigation systems may be used any time to a maximum of 4 hours per day. Note that soaker hoses do not count as micro-irrigation systems.

Every Drop Counts

Water is a precious resource, essential to human and environmental health. Being water wise throughout the year can also save you money. With a little effort, we can reduce the water we use at home by as much as 40 per cent. For water wise tips, visit our water conservation page at www.ladysmith.ca

UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS DUE AUGUST 29

You can pay by mail, in person at City Hall (cheque or debit) or online through your bank.

Check out www.ladysmith.ca to sign up for electronic utility billing (go paperless!) or to sign up for pre-authorized utility bill payments.

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REDUCING CONTAMINATION OF CURBSIDE RECYCLABLES

Contamination of curbside recyclables in Ladysmith has become a problem. More than six per cent of materials placed by Ladysmith residents at the curb for pickup are being reported as contaminated, which is double our desired rate. The worst culprit for contamination are plastic grocery bags filled with recycled materials. **Just one of those bags can send an entire truck load of recycling straight to the landfill!**

How do I reduce the risk of contaminating my curbside recyclables?

Never bag your curbside recyclables. Many people believe that plastic grocery bags can be safely placed in curbside recycling bins, but that is a misconception. Any plastic that you can crumple or squish in your hand **must not** go in your curbside recycling.

Why are plastic bags such a problem?

Including plastic bags in your curbside recycling can create costly issues. As the number one contaminant of curbside recyclables, plastic bags can lead to entire loads of recyclables getting sent to the landfill, sorting machines breaking down, and financial penalties that make recycling more expensive for our community.

I don't mean to be a curbside contaminator? Can you help me to do a better job?

Absolutely! The fact that you care about recycling makes you a recycling champion in our eyes – but we can all do a better job. Currently, the company contracted to pick up curbside recyclables in Ladysmith is auditing each bin placed at the curb for recycling. Bins and totes that contain contaminants won't be picked up, and information about why the items are contaminated will be provided to residents. You can also check out this excellent resource <https://www.cvrld.bc.ca/2467/What-Can-Be-Recycled> which explains which items are accepted and which are not. The good news is that most items, even if not accepted for curbside recycling, can be taken to CVRD recycling centres free of charge. Town staff will also be going door to door to provide helpful tips and gentle reminders about what should be placed in curbside recycling, and what should be taken to CVRD recycling centres or placed in the trash.

You should also be aware that some forms of plastic aren't accepted at CVRD recycling centres, including Peerless Road. The following plastics are not recyclable:

- Labelled compostable or biodegradable
- Crinkle loudly (ie: flower bouquet wrap or cereal bags, foil lined chip or snack bags)
- Thick or stiff (ie: bedding or pet food bags)
- Previously contained pre-packaged perishable food (ie: meat or dairy)
- Silvery or metallic items



OPEN FIRE BAN IN EFFECT

Due to the recent hot, dry weather, all open fires (including campfires) are banned in B.C. parks, Crown lands and private lands located within communities throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction, including Ladysmith. This open fire ban will remain in effect until Oct. 21, 2017 or until further notified by the BC Wildfire Service.

BE FIRE SMART

Hot and dry conditions pose a real fire hazard. We all need to do our part to be fire smart and keep our community safe. Remember, it only takes a small spark to start a very large fire.

Absolutely no smoking on Town trails and in parks.

- Absolutely no ATVs or motorized vehicles on Town trails. Think twice before using ATVs anywhere in the back country.
- Campfires and all open burning are banned. This includes backyard fire pits.
- Put out smoking materials completely and never throw away a lit cigarette, anywhere.
- Glass and clear plastic can focus the sun's rays, much like a magnifying glass, and start a fire. Dispose of bottles properly, pick up broken glass, don't leave glassware outside, and reconsider those glass garden ornaments.
- If you must use power tools outdoors, use extreme caution and keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose nearby.
- Mow your lawn in the cooler part of the day, preferably in the morning when there is still dew on the grass.

If you see a fire or dangerous activity, call 911.

OUR WATERFRONT PLAN: UPDATE



The Town of Ladysmith and the Stz'uminus First Nation have been working together on a plan for Ladysmith's waterfront area. On July 19, a public drop in event was held to discuss the new draft concept waterfront plan.

There are several opportunities for you to have your say as we develop the final plan, including an online survey which closes July 31. <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/ladysmithconceptplan/>

For more information, and to see the draft concept plan, visit our website at <http://www.ladysmith.ca/city-hall/waterfront-area-plan>





AROUND TOWN

- **Concerts in the Park** (Transfer Beach Amphitheatre) July/Aug. Sunday nights
- **Ladysmith Days** Aug. 5-6 (various locations) www.ladysmithdays.com
- **Sea Life Celebration for kids and families** Aug. 13 (Ladysmith Community Marina) www.lmsmarina.ca
- **Outdoor Movie Fundraiser for Cops for Cancer** Aug. 15 (Spirit Square, Buller Street at 2nd Avenue)

For more fun community events, visit www.ladysmith.ca or the Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events at www.ladysmithcofc.com/calendar/

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Call City Hall 250.245.6400, click the button on our website www.ladysmith.ca, or send us an e-mail to info@ladysmith.ca to be added to our electronic newsletter mailing list. You can choose to receive City Hall News, Parks, Recreation & Culture News, Council Meeting Agendas and/or Emergency Information right in your e-mail inbox in a safe, secure e-newsletter.

WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, we want to hear from you. Send us an e-mail to info@ladysmith.ca or call City Hall at 250.245.6400.

In the event of an after hours emergency involving water, sewer or drainage, please call the 24-hour phone line at 250.741.3373.

WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. CONNECT WITH US:

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