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The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development have informed the City of Merritt that we are now in Drought Level 4.

City of Merritt Director of Corporate Services Greg Lewis said:

“Effective immediately, no sprinkling of lawns or flower gardens is allowed. Sprinkling of vegetable gardens can continue on the two days a week that you were already allowed to (Monday and Friday for even numbered homes, Tuesday and Saturday for odd numbers), and you can still use a hand-held controlled-flow nozzle at any time.

“We will be increasing patrols of the City, and violators will be ticketed. In addition, we will not be issuing any exemptions, so we’re asking all residents to refrain from laying any new turf.

“At the City side, we’re ending the irrigation of our flowers and grass in City parks. Our public works crews will try to keep some of the flowers looking as best they can while hand-watering, to keep our city beautiful. We know how important the spray park is for children and families to cool off and have fun, so that will stay open for the time being.

“We want to thank Merrittonians for their efforts in water conservation to protect our rivers, in what’s already one of the hottest, driest summers we’ve ever had.”

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