



CITY OF MERRITT

PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Increased Watering Restrictions

The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations has notified the City of Merritt that the Drought Level in the Nicola region and the Coldwater River Basin has been raised from Level 2 (Dry), to Level 3 (Very Dry).

Commencing immediately, the City of Merritt is implementing further water restrictions, which limit residents to watering a maximum of 2 days per week. Residents with odd numbered addresses are permitted to water on Tuesday and Saturday (Thursday has been removed), and residents with even numbered addresses are permitted to water on Monday and Friday (Wednesday has been removed).

No changes are being made to the hours in which residents are permitted to water. On the appropriate days, based on civic address, watering is permitted between 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. as well as 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Residents with automatic irrigation systems may water lawns between 12:00 midnight and 4:00 A.M.

For more information about regional and provincial drought levels, please visit the British Columbia Drought Information Portal at the following link:

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=838d533d8062411c820eef50b08f7ebc>

Thank you for playing your part to mitigate the effects of drought in our region.

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