

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

WATER USE AND CONSERVATION BYLAW NO. 505, 2024

A Bylaw to Regulate Water Use and Conservation Conditions

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Radium Hot Springs is empowered and authorized pursuant to the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act* to regulate in relations to a service; and

WHEREAS Council wishes to establish the regulations for the year-round use and conservation of water;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Radium Hot Springs, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw:

“**Act**” means an Act of the British Columbia Legislature, whether referred to as a statute or by any other name and includes the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act*.

“**Chief Administrative Officer**” means the Chief Administrative Officer for the Village.

“**Council**” means the Council of the Village of Radium Hot Springs.

“**Drip Irrigation**” means a system using irrigation components that consume less than 20 gallons per hour and operate at less than 25 psi to deliver water to the root zone of the plant material being irrigated.

“**Enforcement Officer**” means any person employed by the Village as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, any other person appointed by Council to enforce this Bylaw, or any member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

“**Filling or Refilling**” means to add more than 15% of the total volume of a hot tub.

“**Food Plants**” means plants that produce food that we consume in our daily life.

“**Garden**” means a space, usually outdoors, set aside for the cultivation, display and enjoyment of plants.

“**Landscaped Area**” means an outdoor area on a lot comprising of trees, plants and decorative features.

“Lawn” means an area of soiled-covered land planted with grasses and other durable plants such as clover which is kept in an existing state.

“Notice” means a Notice given under Section 8 of this Bylaw.

“Over-Watering” means to water in a manner that saturates the lawn, boulevard or landscaped area being watered and results in water spreading onto areas beyond them.

“Public Notice Posting Place” means the notice board located in the foyer of the Village Office as well as the notice board located at the Radium Post office.

“Public Works Department” means any staff who comprise the public works department for the Village, including but not limited to the **Public Works Working Foreman** and the operators.

“Restricted Hours” means those time periods during which watering is permitted in Schedule ‘A’ of this Bylaw.

“Sprinkler” means a device with perforations through which water issues from a connected hose but excludes a micro-irrigation or drip-irrigation system.

“Stage” means the Stages 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Water Use Conservation Stages prescribed in Schedule ‘A’ of this Bylaw.

“Staged Conservation Restrictions” means the limitations prescribed in Schedule ‘A’ of this Bylaw.

“Trees” mean a woody, perennial plant, typically having a single stem or trunk growing to a considerable height and bearing branches.

“Underground irrigation, including in-ground and traditional” means a system that involves burying pipes or tubes beneath the ground’s surface to deliver water directly to the roots of plants.

“Village” means the Village of Radium Hot Springs.

“Village Website” means the information resource found at an internet address provided by the Village.

“Water” means water supplied by the Village directly or indirectly to an owner or occupier or the act of using or applying such water.

“Water Use Conservation Stages” means the limitations prescribed in Schedule ‘A’ of this Bylaw.

2. **APPLICATION**

This Bylaw applies to the use of water provided by the Village water utility and is in effect at all times throughout the Village.

3. **ENFORCEMENT & PENALTIES**

- (1) An Enforcement Officer is authorized and empowered to inspect, compel and require that all regulations and provisions in this Bylaw are adhered to.
- (2) An Enforcement Officer or member of the Public Works Department may enter onto any property that is subject to this Bylaw for the purpose of ascertaining if this Bylaw is being complied with.
- (3) Any person who violates any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offense and may be liable to a fine or penalty of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) per occurrence.
- (4) In addition to any other fine or penalty, the Village may disconnect any service connection which is contributing to a violation of any provisions of this Bylaw.

4. **PROHIBITIONS**

- (1) The prohibitions in subsections 4(2) and 4(3) are in force at all times of the year.
- (2) No person shall damage or allow the deterioration of any appliance so as to result in a waste of water.
- (3) No person shall waste water by using more water than is required to provide a service, produce a product or complete a task, including but not limited to:
 - (a) allowing a tap, a hose or any connection to the Village's water utility, to run water unnecessarily, to excess, or contrary to its intended purpose as determined by the Public Works Working Foreman or the Enforcement Officer.
 - (b) over-watering of Landscaped Areas, Gardens or Lawns to the point of saturation and run-off to other areas, sidewalks and highways.
- (4) No person, being an owner or occupier of property in the Village, shall use water or cause water to be used contrary to the provisions of this Bylaw in effect at the time of use.

5. **STAGED CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS**

- (1) Stage 1 of the Water Use Conservation Stages prescribed in Schedule 'A' is in effect at all times unless other Stages are implemented. Staged Conservation Restrictions apply to all users in all sectors.

- (2) The Public Works Working Foreman and the Chief Administrative Officer are authorized to implement all Stages 2, 3, 4 or 5 as prescribed in Schedule 'A' to this Bylaw as a means of further reducing water consumption and conserving the Village's water supply. Provisions of Stages 2, 3, 4 or 5 must follow notification as per Section 7 of this bylaw.

6. **EXEMPTIONS**

- (1) Lawns, Gardens, Trees and Landscaped Areas that have been planted fourteen (14) days prior to the implementation of Stage 2, may not be subject to Stage 2 restrictions if a Water Use Permit, in the form attached as Schedule "B" hereto, is completed and submitted to the Village for consideration. Issuing of the permit is at the discretion of the Village.
- (2) For clarity, there are no exemptions to restrictions during Stages 3, 4 or 5.
- (3) Water line and hydrant flushing, emergency response, including fire, or any use deemed in the best interest of the Village are exempt during all stages.

7. **NOTICE**

Notice of the implementation of restrictions pursuant to Stages 2, 3, 4 or 5 as described in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw shall be made by posting to the Public Notice Posting Place and the Village Website, as soon as is practicable after the commencement of the restrictions.

8. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Bylaw shall come into force and effect on the date of adoption.

9. **CITATION**

This Bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as "*Village of Radium Hot Springs Water Use and Conservation Bylaw No. 505, 2024*".

"Village of Radium Hot Springs Water Use and Conservation Bylaw No. 487, 2023 is hereby repealed.

READ a first time this 11th day of March, 2024.

READ a second time this 11th day of March, 2024.

READ a third time this 25th day of March, 2024.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2024.

Mayor Mike Gray

Corporate Officer Jill Logan

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of “Village of Radium Hot Springs
Water Use and Conservation Bylaw No. 505, 2024”.

CORPORATE OFFICER

Schedule “A”
Water Use Conservation Stages

Village of Radium Hot Springs Water Use and Conservation Bylaw No. 505, 2024

STAGE 1 – ALTERNATE DAYS WATERING (YEAR ROUND)

Watering of Lawns, Gardens, Trees, Landscaped Areas and Food Plants is restricted to use of a hand-held hose with an automatic shut-off mechanism, hand-held canister, or use of a Sprinkler, a Drip Irrigation system or Underground Irrigation system as follows:

1. Even numbered civic addresses may water on even numbered calendar days between the hours of 5:00am to 10:00am and 7:00pm and 12:00 Midnight; and
2. Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered calendar days between the hours of 5:00am to 10:00am and 7:00pm to 12:00 Midnight.

All other outdoor uses of water may only be undertaken with the use of containers or a hand-held hose with an automatic shut-off mechanism.

STAGE 2 – TWICE A WEEK WATERING

With the exception of Food Plants and Gardens, watering of Lawns, Trees and Landscaped Areas is restricted to use of a hand-held hose with an automatic shut-off mechanism, hand-held canister, or use of a Sprinkler, a Drip Irrigation system or Underground Irrigation system as follows:

1. Even numbered civic addresses may water on Mondays and Thursdays between the hours of 6:00am to 10:00am and 8:00pm to 12:00am Midnight; and
2. Odd numbered civic addresses may water on Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 6:00am to 10:00am and 8:00pm to 12:00am Midnight.

Outdoor watering of Food Plants and Gardens by hand-held hose with an automatic shut-off mechanism or hand-held canister is permitted as follows:

1. Even numbered civic addresses may water on even numbered calendar days between the hours of 6:00am to 9:00am and 7:00pm to 10:00pm.
2. Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered calendar days between the hours of 6:00am to 9:00am and 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

All other outdoor use of water is prohibited. Permission to fill a pool or hot tub must be requested from the Public Works Department.

STAGE 3 - LIMITED WATERING

Outdoor watering of Lawns, Trees and Landscaped Areas is prohibited.

Outdoor watering of Food Plants and Gardens by hand-held hose with an automatic shut-off mechanism or hand-held canister is permitted as follows:

1. Even numbered civic addresses may water on even numbered calendar days between the hours of 6:00am to 9:00am and 7:00pm to 10:00pm.
2. Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered calendar days between the hours of 6:00am to 9:00am and 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

No washing of sidewalks or driveways at any time.

No washing of vehicles, recreational vehicles, houses or buildings.

No operating or causing the operation of decorative fountains or ponds that do not use recirculated water.

No Filling or Refilling of pools or hot tubs.

STAGE 4 - NO WATERING

All outdoor use of water is prohibited.

STAGE 5 - NO WATERING AND LIMITED INDOOR USE

All outdoor use of water is prohibited and indoor use of water is restricted to drinking purposes and sanitation purposes.



Schedule "B"

WATER USE PERMIT

(Permits will **NOT** be issued during Stage 3)

Issued to:

Name: _____

Civic Address: _____

Ph/Email.: _____

This Permit allows the holder to sprinkle as per **Stage 1** restrictions (alternate days watering), or on a schedule approved by the Village.

For: _____ **new lawn seed** (may be sprinkled until growth is established or for 49 days after installation)

_____ **new lawn sod** (may be sprinkled for 21 days after installation)

Other Area (identify a specific area):

Valid from _____ to _____

_____ Renewal (1 renewal only)

Valid from _____ to _____

Watering may occur ONLY for the period specified above.

DATE

VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS

THIS PERMIT IS TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE PREMISES FOR WHICH IT WAS ISSUED.