

**TOWN OF PORT MCNEILL  
BYLAW NO. 530, 2002**

A bylaw to prescribe water use restrictions within the Town of Port McNeill.

WHEREAS during times of low precipitation the Town's well water supply may be affected; and

WHEREAS it is deemed necessary to restrict the use of well water from time to time to ensure an adequate supply for human consumption and for fire fighting purposes;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Port McNeill in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. Definitions:**

In this bylaw:

"*Administrator*" means the person appointed from time to time in the officer position with the responsibility of corporate administration for the Town,

"*Appliance*" means a device or mechanism other than that owned and operated by the Town, in or through which water is piped or used for a domestic or commercial purpose,

"*Newspaper*" has the same meaning as in the Local Government Act,

"*Occupier*" has the same meaning as in the Local Government Act,

"*Owner*" has the same meaning as in the Local Government Act,

"*Sprinkler*" means a hose-connected or automatic in-ground sprinkler,

"*Stage*" means the stages 1, 2 and 3 of water use restrictions prescribed by Schedule "A" of this bylaw,

"*Town*" means the Town of Port McNeill,

"*Water*" means well water supplied by the Town of Port McNeill to an owner or occupier of land within the Town,

"*Water System Manager*" means the person or his designate appointed to manage the Town of Port McNeill water system,

"*Water Use Restrictions*" mean the restrictions prescribed by Schedule "A" of this bylaw.

**2. Prohibition**

(a) No person shall damage or allow the deterioration of any appliance, which will result in a waste of water.

(b) No person, being an owner or occupier of property in the Town, shall use water contrary to the provisions of this bylaw.

**3. Determining restrictions:**

The Water System Manager, as required, shall determine the applicable Stage and shall give, or cause to be given, notice of water restriction requirements to the Administrator.

**4. Notice:**

As soon as possible after receiving notice from the Water System Manager, the Administrator shall give notice or cause notice to be given to persons within the Town of the applicable Stage and when it takes effect. Such notice may be broadcast from a radio station, cable television channel serving the Town or published in a newspaper or publication circulating in the Town or special publication or on the Towns' internet website.

**5. Effective Date of Restrictions:**

The applicable Stage under Schedule "A" shall take effect on the date of commencement stated in the notice given under section 4, but in any event, Stage 1 restrictions shall come into effect each year commencing at 12:01 a.m. on June 1 and ending at midnight on September 30, unless the Water System Manager determines that:

- (a) Stage 1 restrictions shall be in effect during other periods of time; or
- (b) Another Stage shall be in effect during those periods of time.

**6. Water Use Restrictions:**

For the purposes of this bylaw, the water use restrictions for each Stage are prescribed in Schedule "A" to this bylaw, which is part of and is enforceable in the same manner as this bylaw.

**7. Penalty:**

A person who contravenes this bylaw commits an offence and is subject to a minimum fine of \$100 and a maximum fine of \$500 plus costs in accordance with the *Offence Act*.

**8. Effective Date:**

This bylaw shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

**9. Citation:**

This bylaw may be cited as "Water Use Restriction Bylaw, No. 530, 2002"

Read a first time the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002

Read a second time the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002

Read a third time the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002

Reconsidered, finally passed and adopted on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002

  
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Mayor

  
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Corporate Administrator

Certified to be a true copy of Bylaw No. 530, 2002 as adopted

**Schedule "A"**  
**Bylaw No. 530, 2002**

**Water Use Restrictions**

**1. Stage 1 - Water Use Restrictions**

During Stage 1 restrictions, **no person shall**

(a) **water lawns, trees/shrubs/flowers/vegetable gardens** using hose-connected or automatic in-ground sprinklers except as follows:

- premises with even numbered addresses on even numbered days
- premises with odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days

Stage 1 restrictions shall be in effect between June 1 and September 30 each year, unless otherwise notified in accordance with this bylaw.

**2. Stage 2 - Water Use Restrictions**

During Stage 2 restrictions, **no person shall**

- (a) **water lawns** at any time
- (b) wash down sidewalks or driveways or motor vehicles at any time.
- (c) water dry-land sort land for dust control or water logs for insect control

**3. Stage 3 - Water Use Restrictions**

During Stage 3 restrictions, **no person shall**

- (a) water lawns at any time;
- (b) use a hose or pressure washing device to wash exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks;
- (c) use decorative fountains which do not use recirculated water;
- (d) water trees and shrubs except by a hand-held container;
- (e) wash a vehicle, boat or recreational vehicle;
- (f) fill existing residential swimming pools, wading pools or hot-tubs;
- (g) water dry-land sort land for dust control or water logs for insect control.

**4. Special Provisions**

- (a) The provisions of Schedule "A", do not apply to outdoor areas, which may be required by law to be cleaned so as to comply with health or safety standards.
- (b) A person may apply for a permit to the Town Administrator to water newly installed sod on days other than, and including their assigned Stage 1 watering days until growth is established or for 21 days after installation, whichever is less. An exemption for new sod does not apply during Stage 3 restrictions.
- (c) Automatic sprinkler systems for watering lawns, parks or playing fields must not be used during Stage 2 and 3 watering restrictions.