

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT - INFRASTRUCTURE & WATER SERVICES

Water Watch for May 17, 2026

Water Supply System Summary:

1. Useable Volume in Storage:

Reservoir	May 31 5 Year Ave		May 31/25		May 17/26		% Existing Full Storage
	ML	MIG	ML	MIG	ML	MIG	
Sooke	87,927	19,344	86,400	19,008	88,138	19,390	95.1%
Goldstream	9,430	2,075	9,382	2,064	9,765	2,148	98.5%
Total	97,356	21,418	95,782	21,072	97,903	21,539	95.4%

2. Average Daily Demand:

For the month of May	164.8 MLD	36.2 MIGD
For week ending May 17, 2026	164.4 MLD	36.2 MIGD
Max. day May 2026, to date:	179.9 MLD	39.6 MIGD

3. Average 5 Year Daily Demand for May

Average (2021 - 2025)	152.1 MLD ¹	33.5 MIGD ²
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¹MLD = Million Litres Per Day

²MIGD = Million Imperial Gallons Per Day

4. Rainfall May:

Average (1914 - 2025):	47.2 mm
Actual Rainfall to Date	18.6 mm (39% of monthly average)

5. Rainfall: Sep 1- May 17

Average (1914 - 2025):	1,525.7 mm
2025/2026	1,602.0 mm (105% of average)

6. Water Conservation Required Action:

Did you know that the 2024 change to the Water Conservation Bylaw recommends that landowners and residents switch timing of residential irrigation systems from 4:00 am to an expanded window anytime between 12:01 am to 10:00 am on established watering days? Please go to Water Conservation Bylaw Changes | Capital Regional District to get informed and do your part to help protect our regional water supply system.

<https://www.crd.ca/news/water-conservation-bylaw-changes>

For general information regarding water conservation, visit the CRD webpage linked below:

<https://www.crd.ca/environment/water-conservation>

7. Get to Know Your H2O Tours

Register for a free tour of the water supply area this May or June.

For more information, please visit webpage linked below:

<https://www.crd.ca/watertours>

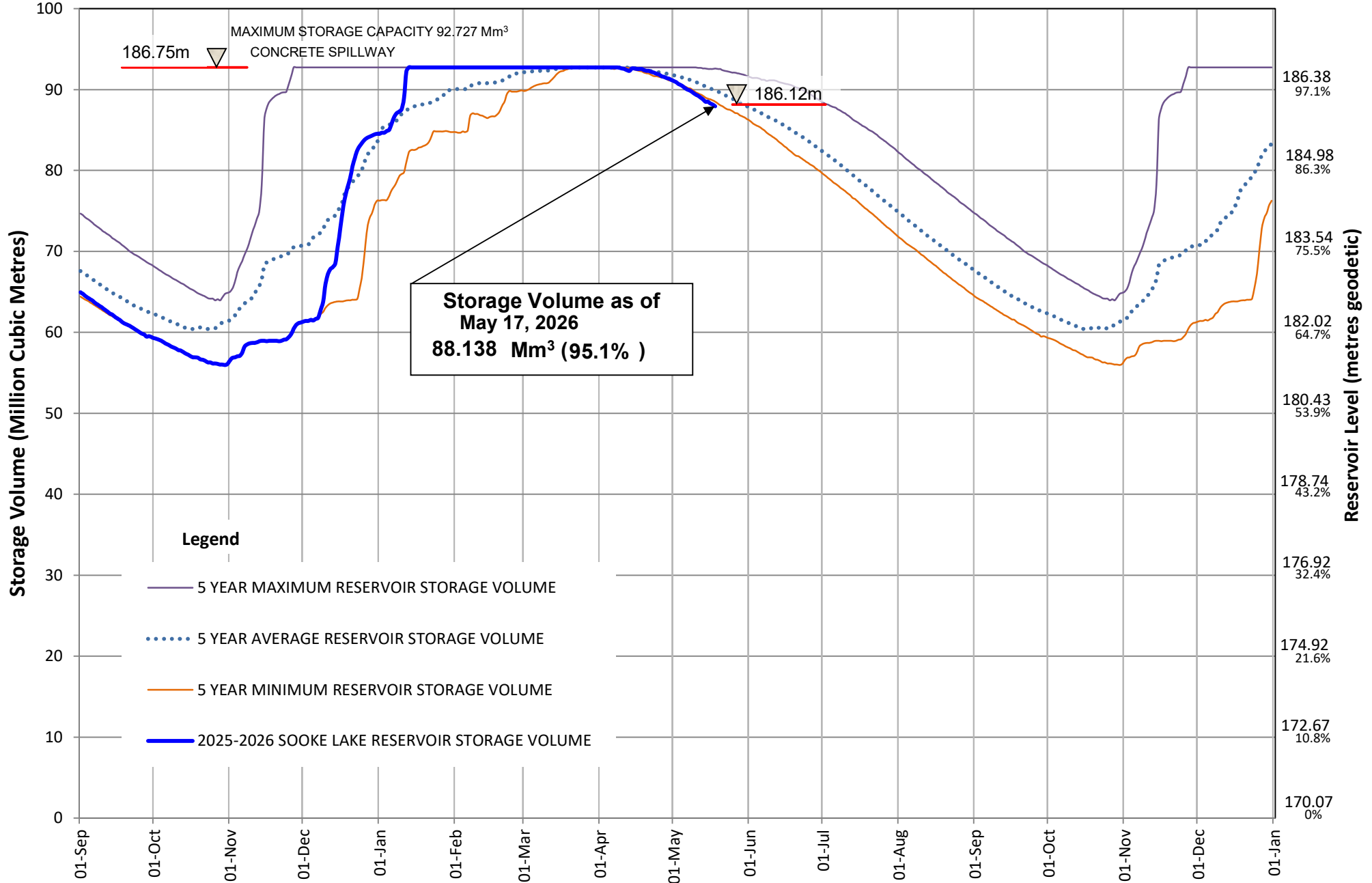
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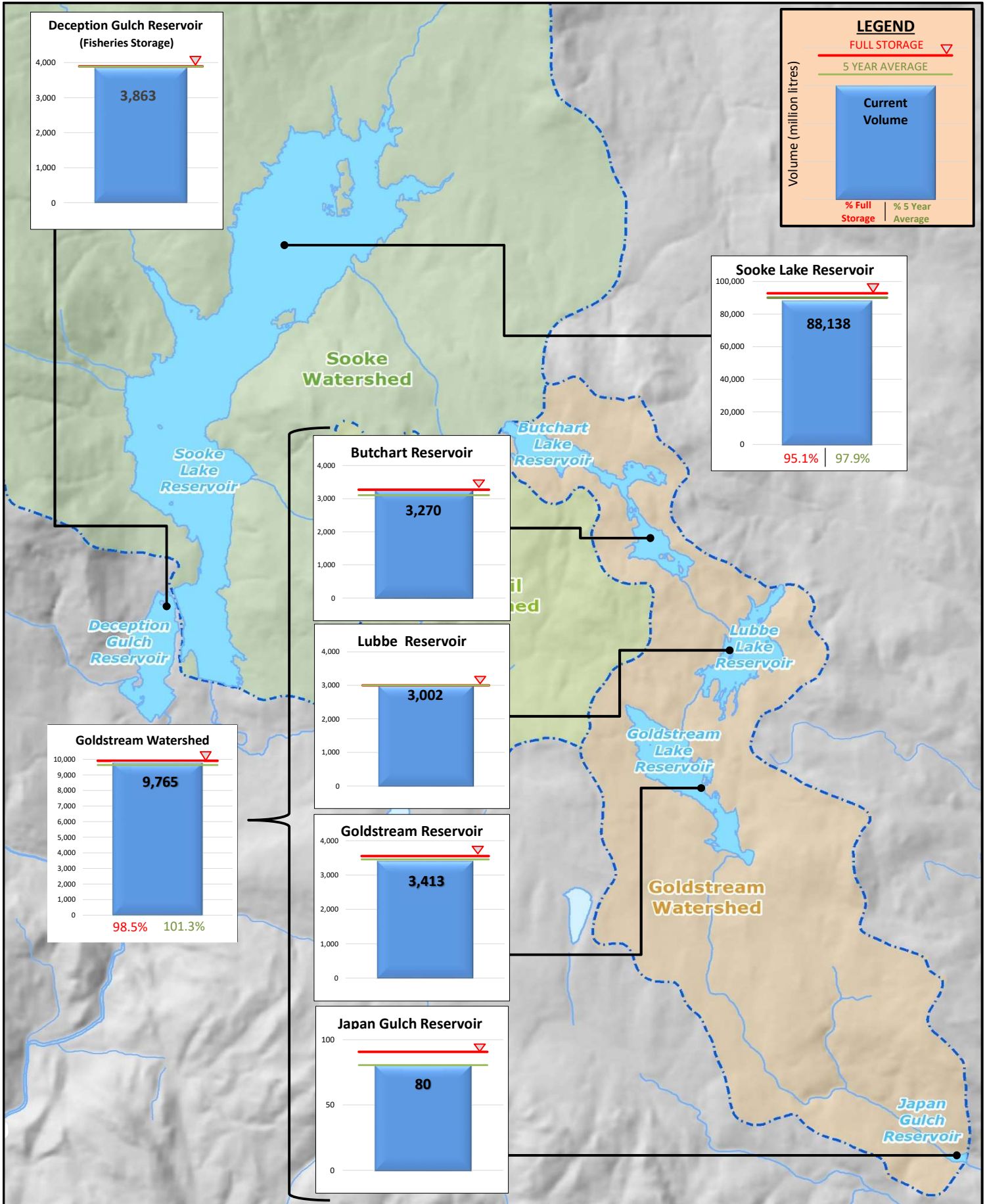
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SOOKE LAKE RESERVOIR STORAGE SUMMARY

2025 / 2026

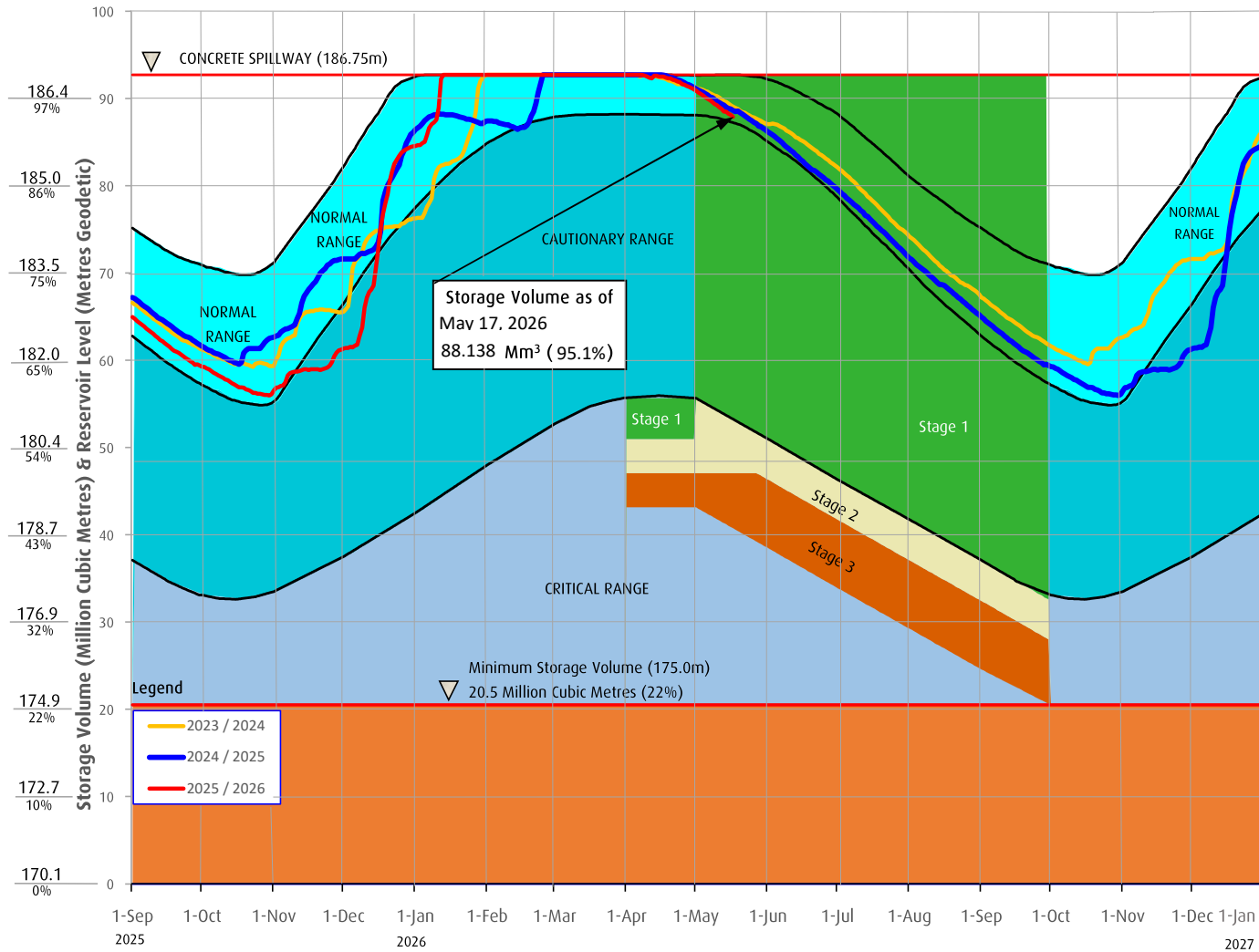


Useable Reservoir Volumes in Storage for May 17, 2026



Sooke Lake Reservoir Storage Level

Water Supply Management Plan



FAQs

How are water restriction stages determined?

Several factors are considered when determining water use restriction stages, including,

1. Time of year and typical seasonal water demand trends;
2. Precipitation and temperature conditions and forecasts;
3. Storage levels and storage volumes of water reservoirs (Sooke Lake Reservoir and the Goldstream Reservoirs) and draw down rates;
4. Stream flows and inflows into Sooke Lake Reservoir;
5. Water usage, recent consumption and trends; and customer compliance with restriction;
6. Water supply system performance.

The Regional Water Supply Commission will consider the above factors in making a determination to implement stage 2 or 3 restrictions, under the Water Conservation Bylaw.

At any time of the year and regardless of the water use restriction storage, customers are encouraged to limit discretionary water use in order to maximize the amount of water in the Regional Water Supply System Reservoirs available for nondiscretionary potable water use.

Stage 1 is normally initiated every year from May 1 to September 30 to manage outdoor use during the summer months. During this time, lawn watering is permitted twice a week at different times for even and odd numbered addresses.

Stage 2 is initiated when it is determined that there is an acute water supply shortage. During this time, lawn water is permitted once a week at different times for even and odd numbered addresses.

Stage 3 is initiated when it is determined that there is a severe water supply shortage. During this time, lawn watering is not permitted. Other outdoor water use activities are restricted as well.

For more information, visit www.crd.bc.ca/drinkingwater