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AVOID LAWN SPRINKLING TO REDUCE DEMAND ON WATER SYSTEM

Sustained hot weather in Metro Vancouver is resulting in very high peak demand on the region's water distribution system, especially during periods when lawn sprinkling is permitted.

"While we have plenty of water in our storage reservoirs, our ability to distribute it throughout the system is taxed during these periods of very high water use," said Metro Vancouver Water Committee Chair Tim Stevenson. "It was during this week last year that we reached our highest ever daily demand on the water system at 2.005 billion litres, and the trends suggest we are on track to reach or possibly exceed that in the coming days."

Currently, lawn sprinkling is permitted from 4 to 9 am and 7 to 10 pm for even numbered addresses on Wednesday and Saturday, and odd numbered addresses on Thursday and Sunday.

"I appeal to everyone in Metro Vancouver to avoid sprinkling lawns at least as long as this weather persists. If you must sprinkle, strictly adhere to the regulations and if at all possible, water in the early morning period when demand is lower and evaporation is less of an issue," Chair Stevenson said.

Metro Vancouver encourages residents of the region to use water wisely at all times. For more information go to www.metrovancouver.org

For more information on weekdays, please contact the Metro Vancouver Information Centre, at 604-432-6200.

