



STAGE 4 Outdoor Water Restrictions for Businesses



✘ All outdoor use of City of Calgary potable water is prohibited

This includes:

- Watering new or established lawns, gardens, flowers, trees, shrubs, sod or grass seed with City water.
- Using outdoor automatic sprinkler systems.
- Filling of outdoor hot tubs, swimming and wading pools.
- Filling of fountains and other decorative features.
- Use of City water for construction purposes including grading, compaction and dust control.
- Pesticide or fertilizer application that requires the use of City water.

Permitted essential uses:

- Businesses using water to deliver a life-sustaining product or service.
- Businesses that must use water to meet health and safety regulations, such as hospitals, restaurants, animal care facilities and child care facilities.

Help reduce your indoor water use

We're also asking all businesses to reduce their indoor water use by 25 per cent without compromising safety or quality.

- Adjust and raise building temperatures. Review and adjust water-based temperature control systems to ensure optimal indoor temperatures. CSA's acceptable range is 23-26 degrees Celsius.
- Check and fix leaks. Toilets and faucets are the most common.
- Minimize water use in cleaning. Wipe instead of wash and sweep instead of spray.
- Work with staff to identify ways to minimize water use and loss throughout their work duties.

Visit calgary.ca/savewateratwork for more ways to reduce your water use based on your business type.

Commercial river water pick up

To support businesses during Stage 4 Outdoor Water Restrictions, non-potable river water is available for use. Businesses can bring their water trucks for filling at three locations, free of charge.

Pick up locations

Hours of operation: 5 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- West Baker Park Boat Launch: 4320 Bow River Pathway
- Ogden Boat Launch: 3303 Bow River Pathway
- Bankside Day Use Area (Fish Creek Park): 153 Ave. S.E.

Note: These areas will be open for residential water pick up daily from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

! Failure to follow a restriction can result in a fine. Stage 4 violations start at \$3,000.

What you need to know during **Stage 4** Outdoor Water Restrictions:

Activity/Use of Potable City Water	STAGE 4
Sprinklers or irrigation systems	✗
Hose watering	✗
Hand watering	✗ No, unless using captured rainwater or greywater to water plants and gardens
Certified Water Managed Sites	✗
Watering new sod, grass seed, trees or shrubs	✗
Watering plants for commercial sale	✓
Pesticide or fertilizer application	✗
Water use for integrated pest management	✗
Washing down outdoor surfaces, windows, exterior building surfaces, or other outdoor surfaces	✗ No unless for health and safety reasons
Wash down surfaces for childcare facilities	✓
Wash down surfaces for food and beverage establishments	✓
Wash down surfaces for kennels or animal care facilities	✓
Filling of public and residential outdoor hot tubs, swimming and wading pools, and spray parks	✗
Manually wash exterior windows (by licensed cleaning services)	✓
Washing vehicles for health and safety reasons	✓
Filling of fountains or decorative features	✗
Outdoor water use for construction purposes including dust suppression, compaction, on-site concrete mixing and other construction-related activities	✗
Water use for home renovation projects (e.g. washing surfaces such as driveways to prepare for paving/sealing or washing a home prior to painting)	✗
Filling of bird baths	✓
Watering livestock	✓
Essential hydrant flushing by City of Calgary Operations	✓
Essential street cleaning and bridge washing	✓

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