



# City of Nelson News

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## Public Works, Utilities & Transit Newsletter

### WATERING RESTRICTIONS STILL IN EFFECT

#### LEVEL ONE WATER RESTRICTIONS

Level One Water Restrictions, issued July 29, 2020 remain in place. Mandatory water conservation measures are put in place to alleviate demand on the City's drinking water supply, and to ensure that water is prioritized for potable uses and adequate fire protection.

The City of Nelson's Mandatory Water Conservation Measures are very easy to follow!

- If you live at an even # address, you can only water your lawn using a sprinkler or irrigation system on Wednesday and Saturday between 4:00AM-9:00AM & 7:00PM-10:00PM.
- If you live at an odd # address, you may only water your lawn using a sprinkler or irrigation system on Thursday and Sunday between 4:00AM-9:00AM & 7:00PM-10:00PM.
- Regardless of your address, you may water trees, shrubs, vegetables and flowers between 4:00AM-9:00AM & 7:00PM-10:00PM using a hose with shut-off nozzle.
- A drip irrigation system can be used at any time.
- All hoses must have an automatic hand-held shut-off device/nozzle present. Please refer to the infographic below for guidance on water usage during Level One.

Keep in mind, to keep your lawn healthy, it only needs 1" of water per week, either from rain or watering; this amount of water would soak the soil 6" deep.

For more information on Water Conservation and Restrictions, please check out the City's website at [www.nelson.ca](http://www.nelson.ca) and under 'City Services', click on 'Water'.

#### STAGE 1 WATERING REGULATIONS:



### ROAD WORK SAFETY

City crews are busy maintaining, replacing and renewing our critical infrastructure. Here are a few road safety tips to keep our workers and the public safe:

#### SLOW DOWN AND STAY ALERT!

- Obey all posted signage and worker instructions.
- Work sites have many hazards.
- Watch for trucks and earth movers in work sites.

#### ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS

- While driving at any time, and especially in a construction zone, you need to have all of your attention focused on driving safely.
- Do not talk on your cellphone, or engage in any distracted driving behaviour.

#### DON'T TAILGATE

- Traffic may be moving slowly - keep a safe following distance between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead.
- A longer distance will allow you to come to a sudden stop safely, if necessary.

*Thank you in advance for working with us to keep our workers and the traveling public safe.*



### URBALOO ON HALL ST

A new public washroom and drinking water fountain / bottle fill station was installed in July at the Waterfront Plaza adjacent to the gazebo and bike repair station. This project was partially funded with a generous grant from Trans Canada Trails. The new washroom was designed in Nelson and manufactured in British Columbia.



### QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK UPGRADES

Queen Elizabeth Park began a three-year overhaul last October, supported by fundraising of over \$300,000 by the Nelson Baseball Association. City Parks staff have completed an irrigation upgrade. Work done by NBA includes a new warning track, foul poles, outfield fence, backstop netting, new roof on the washrooms, new dugouts, batting cages and a new infield. Additionally NBA plans to install new bleachers, resurface the old ones, place new sod, add an equipment building and a new digital scoreboard.

### SWEEPING STREETS FOR LEAVES

Each fall, city crews remove leaves that have fallen from city boulevard trees. Crews will be working through the city on a neighbourhood by neighbourhood basis. Our leaf pickup schedule depends on the weather and where leaves fall but generally begins in the cooler uphill areas of the City and moves downhill.

#### What can residents do to help?

Residents should rake the leaves from the boulevard and sidewalk to the edge of the street against the curb. If heavy rains are in the forecast, we ask that you wait for fairer weather to move your leaves, to avoid clogging catch basins and potentially causing flooding. Be a good neighbour and remove leaves from around catch basins.

Moving your vehicle helps our crews to better remove leaves. In areas of the city with many parked cars and mature trees, temporary "no-parking" signs will be posted on sandwich boards to inform you of upcoming work. As a general rule, we ask that residents with off-street parking, park their vehicles off the road. If you must park on the street, and where possible, residents are asked to follow the "odd" and "even" parking rule; meaning that on "odd" numbered days you will park on the odd side of the street and on "even" numbered days you will park on the even side of the street. Vehicles parked in violation of these rules will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

*Thank you for your cooperation. More Information - [www.nelson.ca](http://www.nelson.ca)*

### FOR BUS RIDERS, BC TRANSIT HAS IMPLEMENTED THE FOLLOWING:

#### FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY

For your safety and the safety of others, face masks are now mandatory while on the bus.

#### SANITIZED BUSES

All buses are thoroughly disinfected daily and "fogged" weekly. It's still a good idea to touch as few surfaces as possible. Keep your hands away from your face and wash or sanitize your hands often.

#### LIMITED CAPACITY

The number of passengers allowed on the bus at one time has been reduced. If the bus has reached this limit, some passengers may not be permitted to board.



### HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT MORE INFORMATION?

#### Public Works & Utilities

- [publicworks@nelson.ca](mailto:publicworks@nelson.ca)
- 250-352-8238 (Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm)
- 250-352-3103 (emergency after hours)

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