

Summary of Proposed Water Utility Bylaw Amendments: Securing Calgary's Water: City-Wide Outdoor Watering Schedule

1) Watering Schedule

- Add *Schedule D.1 Outdoor Water Use Schedule* which allows watering with sprinklers between 8pm and 10am two days per week, for up to 3 hours per day and a maximum of 6 hours per week.
- Aligned allowable times for watering with sprinklers in *Schedule E Outdoor Water Use Restrictions* to the hours between 8pm and 10am.

2) Water Use for Construction

- Update description of “water use for construction purposes including grading compaction and dust control” to “water use for construction and renovation purposes”.
- Add ability to provide Director permission for water use during construction in Stage 4 OWR
- Add ability to test and audit irrigation systems any time in Stage 1 & 2 OWR, up to Stage 3 for Water Managed Sites and program applicants.

3) Outdoor Surface Washing

- Combine “washing exterior building surfaces” and “washing windows” into a new category – “Washing exterior building surfaces including windows”.
- Allow all customers to wash exterior building surfaces and windows in Stage 1 & 2 instead of just specific businesses or customer types being allowed.
- Update restrictions related to washing outdoor surfaces (sidewalks, walkways, driveways) to allow all customers to do this as it relates to ensuring public health and safety (e.g. cleaning c-train platforms, exterior walls, sidewalks, patios etc.)

4) Washing of Vehicles Outdoors

- Allow washing of vehicles with water only in Outdoor Water Restrictions Stages 1 & 2

5) Drip Irrigation

- Add drip irrigation to the application method: “spring loaded nozzles *and drip irrigation* with automatic shut off connected to hose”.

6) Pesticide and Herbicide Use

- Remove restrictions around the use of water for the application of pesticide and fertilizer.
- Add language around pesticide use for the control of Invasive Species and weeds under the Weed Control Act.

7) Watering Lawns, Gardens, Trees & Shrubs

- Separate activities for “watering of lawns” and “watering of gardens, trees and shrubs”
- Add new activity for “watering new trees and shrubs” to align with the existing activity for “watering of new grass”. This is allowed outside of the hours of 8pm to 10am to establish new plantings.
- Watering new grass and new trees and shrubs in Stage 3 will only be permitted by spring loaded nozzle connected to hose or handheld container.

8) Cleaning transit infrastructure

- Add transit infrastructure to activity “Essential street, bridge and *transit infrastructure* cleaning”

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