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## WHY IS THERE A WATER REGULATIONS BYLAW?

1. The Bylaw provides for clean potable water and the expansion of the water system to include all properties in Sicamous.
2. It provides water use regulations during peak seasons to ensure safe reservoir levels within the municipality.
3. It outlines penalties and rates for those guilty of infraction or in breach of the bylaw.

## THINGS TO KNOW:

1. A property owner could have their water service turned off or disconnected if they are in violation of water regulation, zoning or business licensing bylaws.
2. It is unlawful to interfere, meddle or tamper with District property relating to the District of Sicamous water system.
3. Water restrictions are an annual occurrence between April 15 and September 15 and violations are restrictions could result in fines.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**Q: Where can I find the Water Regulations, Rental and Connection Charge Bylaw No. 185, 1995?**

**A:** Bylaws are available online at [www.sicamous.ca](http://www.sicamous.ca) and District Hall (446 Main Street).

**Q: How often can I use a sprinkling system on my lawn?**

**A:** Each year, between the dates of May 1st and September 30th, Stage 1 Water Use Restrictions are in effect. This means that even numbered houses may water on even numbered days and odd numbered houses may water on odd numbered days. When necessary for the conservation of water or the protection of the District Water Supply, the Operations Manager may amend the effective period of time for Stage 1 or bring into effect a Stage more restrictive than Stage 1. The permitted frequency of lawn watering is dependent on the Stage that is in effect.

**Q: Does the same schedule apply to automated sprinkling systems?**

**A:** Yes. Automatic Watering (sprinkler or irrigation) follows the same schedule with even numbered houses watering on even numbered days and odd numbered houses watering on odd numbered days during Stage 1 Water Restrictions.

**Q: When can I use a handheld hose to water my lawn?**

**A:** During Stage 1 Water Restrictions, a handheld hose can be used any day at any time for both residential and non-residential uses.

**Q: Is there ever an exception to these regulations?**

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