

Policy: 4101

Date: June 8, 2009

Approved by Council:

Policy Statement:

The Town of Eckville will provide a uniform, fair and consistent system of water restriction for all residents and business.

This policy has three key objectives:

- To ensure that the provisions of this policy are consistent with established principles of water management and conservation.
- To ensure that the procedures are enforceable under such conditions as drought, infrastructure repairs and other unpredictable events.
- To provide three stages of water restriction to meet the requirements of essential services as well as residential needs.

1. Definitions:

- 1.1 Council means the Council of the Town of Eckville, in the Province of Alberta.
- 1.2 Authority to Operate shall mean any official authority to operate the Town's water supply and distribution system as issued by Alberta Environment and which contains the requirements and parameters by which the town's system shall be operated.
- 1.3 CAO shall mean Chief Administrative Officer of the Town or delegate.
- 1.4 Supervisor shall mean the Public Works Supervisor of the Town.

2. Responsibilities:

2.1 Supervisor:

- 2.1.1. Shall determine the resources to be applied to fulfill the requirements of this Policy.
- 2.1.2 Shall determine changes in conditions that may require further response from CAO.

2.2 Chief Administrative Officer:

- 2.2.1. Implement and/or ease restrictions for appropriate levels Stage One, Two or Three as contained in Section 3.
- 2.2.2. Give notice to public of restrictions by advertising in local newspapers and posting public notices in Town Office and any other appropriate well viewed locations.

2.2.3. Recommend revisions to Council of this policy as needed.

2.2.4. Direct preparation of draft revisions to this policy.

3. Restrictions in Use and Availability of Water

3.1 Watering of lawns and gardens will be implemented on a continuing basis with occupants or owner's even-numbered addresses being permitted to water lawns, gardens and plantings on calendar days of the months ending in even numbers and odd-numbered addresses on calendar days of the months ending in odd numbers.

3.2 Where the demand for water from the users of the water distribution system exceeds or is expected to exceed the volume of water that can be supplied to the distribution system, the Supervisor will advise the CAO of the need to restrict the use of water further by users of the system.

3.3 Upon consideration of the circumstances, the CAO may implement further water restrictions in one of three levels of restrictiveness.

- a) Stage 1: Use of water for lawns and gardens is restricted to 2 days per week with even numbered addresses using water Wednesday and Sunday and odd numbered addresses using water Tuesday and Saturday. The use of water on newly laid sod or plantings will not be restricted.
- b) Stage 2: Use of water for lawns and gardens is restricted to 1 day per week during the hours of 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM only with even numbered addresses using water Tuesday and odd numbered addresses using water Friday. The use of water on newly laid sod or plantings outside of this restriction may be allowed on exceptional circumstances. Sale of bulk water will be prohibited.
- c) Stage 3: All outdoor and non-essential indoor use of water is prohibited. Sale of bulk water will be prohibited.

3.4 Any owner or occupant using the contents of a rain barrel may continue watering as long as the use is from the barrel.

3.5 Restrictions imposed under Section 3.2 may be eased or lifted by the CAO once it is apparent that the water reservoir levels can be held stable.

3.6 The following enterprises or specific activities are exempt from Section 3.2 except when a Stage 3 water shortage is in effect.

- a) Commercial car or truck wash
- b) Washing of vehicles for health or safety regulatory compliance
- c) Child care facility
- d) Kennels or animal care facilities
- e) Food and beverage establishments

4. End of Policy

Date

Chief Administrative Officer