



UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT LANDS

Water Conservation Policy

POLICY

Purpose: The purpose of the policy is to:

- Clarify the University Endowment Lands (UEL) Administrations' approach to water conservation as it relates to potable (drinking) water delivered by the UEL water system; and
- Outline required water conservation steps for UEL residents, in alignment with Greater Vancouver Water District (GVWD) restrictions.

Background:

As part of its core services, the UEL delivers potable (drinking) water to residents, commercial, and institutional properties. The water provided is generally used for cooking, cleaning, and lawn watering, among other uses. Water in the UEL is sourced from the GVWD and starts as rainfall and mountain snowmelt in the northern area of the region. Water conservation restrictions are put into place to ensure sufficient supply to all who draw from the GVWD during seasonal peaks (summer). While these restrictions vary amongst residential, non-residential, and government/school/park uses, the goal remains the same; to ensure that water is used sustainably and efficiently.

The UEL's *Land Use, Building and Community Administration Bylaw* (LUB), Schedule 15 – Sprinkling Regulations, states that upon advisement from the Commissioner of GVWD that the Manager of the UEL may impose certain restriction on water sprinkling (lawn watering). In the spirit of this authority and due to rapidly changing restrictions, the UEL Manager will use this policy to clarify the UEL's approach to water restrictions and conservation.

Application:

The UEL Manager will, under the advisement of the GVWD commissioner, impose certain drinking water restrictions as needed. Unless otherwise posted (on the UEL website, by mail, or other means), the UEL manager will follow those restrictions posted by the GVWD commissioner. The GVWD restrictions can be found on the UEL website, at the UEL Administration Office, at the Metro Vancouver Regional District website, and is posted periodically in newspapers or other media sources.

The restrictions only apply to drinking water delivered by the UEL through the distribution network. Water collected by other means (rainwater, greywater, well water etc.) are exempt from water restrictions. Those who hold approved water sprinkling permits and/or Water Use Management Plans may also be exempt from certain restrictions however the manager may cancel, suspend, or modify the permits if GVWD restrictions change.

Enforcement: The UEL may consider a range of enforcement approaches, depending on the extent of non-compliance with this policy and/or Section 12 of the LUB. Enforcement options for water conservation non-compliance may include:

- Liens on land title;
- Provincial Court Orders
- Working with partner agencies including Metro Vancouver Regional District; and
- Suspension of waste collection services to the offending property.

Limitations: This information is provided for clarification purposes only and does not substitute any applicable Bylaws (both UEL and/or Greater Vancouver Regional District/Greater Vancouver Watering District) or Provincial/Federal codes or legislation.

For More Information: More information may be obtained at www.universityendowmentlands.gov.bc.ca and <https://metrovancouver.org/services/water/water-conservation>

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