

# **RDN UPDATES**

### **AUGUST BOARD CALENDAR**

There are no board or committee meetings scheduled in August.

www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos

#### **HEAT PUMP REBATES**

Feeling the heat? Cool down with a heat pump!

You can access up to \$4,500 in rebates when converting from fossil fuel (oil, gas, propane) or woodstove heating to an electric heat pump!

A heat pump is two systems in one - a heat pump takes the place of both an air conditioner and a heating system, keeping you warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Switching to an electric heat pump provides year-round comfort, better indoor air quality, and produces 97% less greenhouse gas emissions than natural gas or oil heating systems.

To find out what rebates are available, visit www.rdn.bc.ca/rdn-rebates.

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## **MANDATORY WASTE SORTING IN 2025**

A new Mandatory Waste Source Separation Bylaw will come into effect in January 2025 - requiring all commercial, industrial and multifamily properties to introduce organics and recycling diversion.

This means that all properties in the RDN - including Nanaimo, Lantzville, Parksville and Qualicum Beach and electoral areas, will be required to have three bin sorting for their waste. You can work with your waste hauler to create a collection plan that works for you.

We're starting now to raise awareness and help the community plan for this change!

Learn more about the requirements and get tips on how to prepare at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/waste-separation.



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### STAGE 4 WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Stage 4 Watering Restrictions are in effect until further notice for all nine of the below RDN water service areas due to region-wide low river and stream levels and below-average groundwater levels in some aquifers:

- Nanoose Bay Peninsula
- River's Edge
- Surfside
- San Pareil
- Whiskey Creek
- Westurne Heights
- Melrose Terrace
- Decourcey (Pylades)
- French Creek/ Sandpiper

#### Not Allowed:

- Lawn sprinkling of any kind, including for newly seeded and sodded lawns
- Washing of driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and exterior building surfaces
- × Filling of swimming pools, hot tubs and garden pond water features

#### Allowed:

- √ Watering of vegetable gardens and fruit trees
- ✓ Drip irrigation is permitted between 7 a.m. and 10 am or 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- ✓ Hand watering of gardens using a hand-held container or a hose equipped with a shutoff device

Stage 4 restrictions help ensure the community's essential water needs for drinking water, hygiene and fire protection are met, water flows for fish and aquatic habitats are maintained, and targeted water use reduction is achieved.

A map of all water service areas, including their current watering restrictions, can be viewed at www.rdn.bc.ca/watering-restrictionmap.

For tips on water conservation, visit www.teamwatersmart.ca.

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