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SRD Irrigation Workshop for Northern Area D Residents

Campbell River, BC – The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) invites northern Area D residents to a “Water-wise Irrigation Workshop” next Wednesday February 27, 6:30 – 9:30 pm, at the Oyster Bay Resort Hall, 4357 South Island Hwy.

Doors open at 6:30 pm; Certified Irrigation Industry of BC (IIABC) professionals will be on site with displays and be available to answer questions. A presentation will start at 7:00 and run to 9:00 pm. A further half hour will be provided for questions and further viewing of displays.

The presentation will be led by a certified irrigation IIABC professional. It will address barriers to summer water conservation uncovered in conversations with northern Area D residents during the summer of 2018.

The presentation will include:

- SRD water conservation measures including Stage 2 restrictions, which will come into effect as of July 1, 2019
- Irrigation types: Micro and drip irrigation
- Timers that adhere to Stage 1 and Stage 2 restrictions
- Scheduling run times according to climate, soil and plant material
- Area D soil issues: How to test your soil and adjust irrigation practices accordingly
- Identifying over-watering and problem solving your irrigation system
- When to call a professional
- Irrigation options for when you are away for extended periods
- What to do when rhododendrons wilt
- What to do about fir roots and grass
- Ensuring every drop of irrigation water reaches your plants

Vancouver Island water demand can triple in summer, due to over-watering irrigation practices. Even in 2018, when northern Area D residents maintained their summer water consumption at or below 2017 levels, demand was still 3x the winter use. Ideally it should be closer to 2x.

Work with the SRD and certified irrigation professionals to determine what the summer demand would be for Area D if everyone followed the restrictions and took steps not to “over-water”. Please pre-register as space is limited. Call 250-203-1820 or email water@srd.ca

The Strathcona Regional District is a partnership of four electoral areas and five municipalities providing services to approximately 43,000 residents.

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