

# CRITICAL SHORTAGE.

## Please Conserve Water.



The **tsúkw'um stulu** (*Chapman Creek*) has been the primary fresh water source for the **shíshálh** Nation for as long as anyone can remember. A self-replenishing watershed with a seemingly inexhaustible supply of clean, fresh water.

The first flume from the **tsúkw'um stulu** to **ch'atlich** (Sechelt) was constructed by the shíshálh in the 1800's. From that day forward, the Chapman and Gray watersheds have been rerouted, expanded, drawn down and yet shown themselves resilient enough to have provided an uninterrupted water source for most of the coast.

Unfortunately, the SCRD, which includes the District of Sechelt as well as the shíshálh Nation is now facing a critical shortage of clean, treated water. In order to avoid a boiled water advisory we must all conserve water now.



Fix leaky faucets and taps.



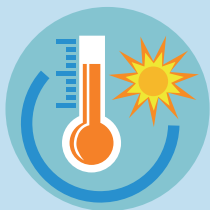
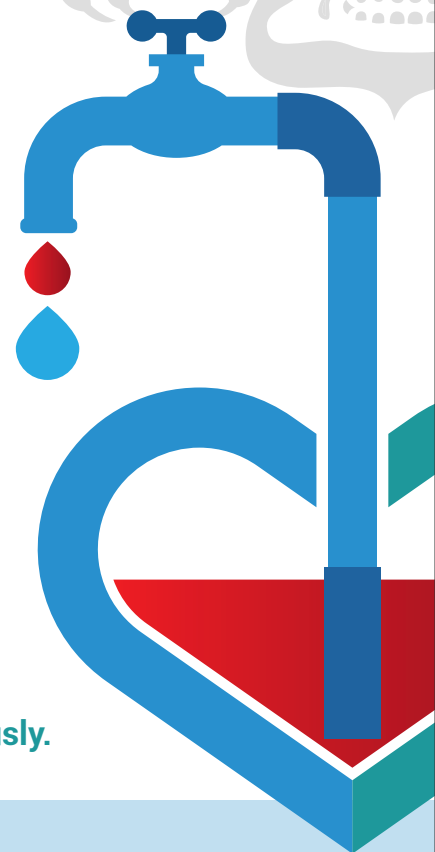
Create a low flow toilet.



Take shorter showers.



Do not let water run continuously.



### Seasonal precipitation. Timing is everything.

With a substantially lower than average volume of precipitation experienced on the Sunshine Coast during summer and fall, the Chapman Creek and Gray Creek watersheds have not replenished themselves as they have in the past.



The heavy rains and what have recently been called “atmospheric rivers” occurring on the coast do not have the same ability to replenish the watersheds when the temperature at elevation is below zero, and the snowpack is in. The prolonged spring, summer and fall drought conditions that the Coast has been experiencing are robbing the watersheds of their required rainfall, *when they need it*.



We are planning.

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The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD), through the Sunshine Coast Emergency Program (SCEP), is the lead agency for emergency management on the Sunshine Coast. The Town of Gibsons, District of Sechelt, and the Sechelt Nation Government District (SNGD) have joined the SCRD to be part of one integrated emergency program. Municipal and regional district staff along with volunteers, first responders, first nations and non government agencies plan, train and exercise together to be ready for the next large scale emergency or disaster.