

Helpful Hints for Potted Plants - Stage 4 Water Restrictions.

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- Wash dishes in a plastic basin and then using the cooled water to water their garden
- Use cooled cooking water
- Collect water in buckets while showering or waiting for water to heat up.
- Use your dehumidifier water every couple of days.
- Save water: Install cisterns and collect rainwater.
- Collect non-potable water available for free at the sewage treatment plant on Surf Circle in Sechelt.
- Move potted plants to a shady area (shelter from direct sun and wind).
- Use parasols, umbrellas and wind breaks.
- Group pots together to create a microclimate but leave enough space between pots to allow air flow around the plants.
- Mulch or top dress around the base of the plants. Use gravel, stones, pebbles, straw, shredded paper, compost, or well-rotted wood chips.
- Water less frequently but when you do water, water deeply.
- Water early in the morning or in the evening
- Set plants in a plastic tub so you can reuse the water that runs through the soil
- Reduce or stop fertilizing plants.
- Cut back flowers and foliage as a last resort.

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