



Residential Sprinkling Restriction Alignment

Dear Property Owner or Occupant:

Watering restrictions for residential users are based on the water system's infrastructure and its ability to keep up to the demand for treated, potable water by residents. This includes purveying potable water to all sectors; residential, agricultural, and commercial users on each system. Each spring and summer, the Sage Mesa system undergoes stresses related to water demands, which makes conservation even more important for system users.

In keeping with a valley-wide approach to water supply management and conservation, the RDOS underwent an extensive study to identify the best approach to supplying all sector users all year round. These newly redesigned RDOS Watering Restrictions called **Stages** have been streamlined as much as possible in each of the RDOS owned or operated water systems, while taking into account any unique system features. **Water Restriction Stages** are now: **Stages Normal, 1, 2, 3, and 4.**

Stage Normal is the new year-round Stage for all systems. All the water systems stay in **Stage Normal** until water demand or availability during the warmer seasons requires additional water conservation.

The RDOS recognizes that water is a valuable resource that should be used wisely. By working together to use water as efficiently as possible in regional district operations, private dwellings, agricultural operations, and commercial enterprises, the RDOS and water users can lead the way in ensuring that its supplies are resilient in the face of these challenges and sustainable into the future.

The Provincial Water Management branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, who manage the Sage Mesa water system, (includes Husula Highlands, Westwood Estates) agrees that aligning the sprinkling regulations with other RDOS water systems supports valley-wide messaging, helps residents to equitably water their landscapes, preserves infrastructure, and conserves water.

Thank you for your cooperation.

RDOS Public Works

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See Over



These are the visual images that illustrate the most important changes in each of the restriction stages

REGIONAL DISTRICT RDOS OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

Outdoor Water Use Restrictions

YEAR ROUND

NORMAL

NO WATERING permitted on Mondays

NO SPRINKLING between 10am and 6pm

3 Days / Week

▶ NORMAL
STAGE 1
STAGE 2
STAGE 3
STAGE 4

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REGIONAL DISTRICT RDOS OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

Outdoor Water Use Restrictions

REDUCE USE 10%

STAGE 1

SPRINKLERS

AUTOMATIC: 12:01am - 6am

MANUAL: 6-10am & 6-10pm

2 Days / Week

▶ STAGE 1
STAGE 2
STAGE 3
STAGE 4

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REGIONAL DISTRICT RDOS OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

Outdoor Water Use Restrictions

REDUCE USE 20%

STAGE 2

RAIN/RECYCLED WATER: OK to use, anytime

HAND-HELD WATERING: 2 days/week (6-10am & 6-10pm)

MANUAL SPRINKLERS: 6-10am & 6-10pm

1 Day / Week

▶ STAGE 2
STAGE 3
STAGE 4

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REGIONAL DISTRICT RDOS OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

Outdoor Water Use Restrictions

REDUCE USE 50%

STAGE 3

NO LAWN WATERING permitted at anytime

HAND-HELD WATERING 1 day per week (6-10am & 6-10pm)

No Sprinkling

▶ STAGE 3
STAGE 4

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Outdoor Water Use Restrictions

REDUCE USE 90%

STAGE 4

CRITICAL WATER SHORTAGE

No Outdoor Use

▶ STAGE 4

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