

# OLALLA WATER SYSTEM



Attention to residential users on the Olalla Water system: **Stage 3** Water Restrictions

The RDOS is increasing water restrictions for the Olalla Water System in response to a request from the province in relation to the Stage 5 Drought in the Similkameen. The 2023 season has been challenging for water users across the province. There are currently Stage 5 Drought restrictions on 22 of 34 regions in the province; including both the Okanagan and Similkameen.

Water use from groundwater that is hydraulically connected to a stream (as the Olalla system well is) can have lasting impacts to stream flow even after pumping has stopped. Through water conservation measures and working together we can protect aquatic life and support agricultural producers in the Similkameen Watershed. With this in mind, the RDOS is increasing the current water restriction level to **Stage 3** and asking users to reduce outdoor water use by **50%**.

The RDOS has observed significant impact on the infrastructure when residents are restricted to 1 or 2 days only for watering. In efforts to balance out this demand on the water infrastructure, residents may water outdoors as follows:

RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR WATER USE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Manual Sprinklers are not permitted</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Automatic Sprinklers are not permitted – please turn these off</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Drip irrigation – permitted 2-3 days per week but reduced time by 50%</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hand held watering – permitted 2-3 days per week but reduced time by 50%</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lawn watering is not permitted</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Outdoor cleaning with a hose can be performed for health and safety reasons <b>only</b></li></ul>
AGRICULTURAL WATER USE – Reduce use by 50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Manual sprinklers 2 days per week between either 6-10am or 6-10pm only</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Automatic sprinklers on any day during hours of midnight to 6am only</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Micro or drip irrigation on any day at any time</li></ul>

Be aware of and refer to water restriction information posted on signboards in your area. **Restrictions may change.**

## Please Follow All Water Usage Restrictions

For More Watering Restriction Stages, visit: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/utilities/water-systems/>

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**For after-hours** water-related emergencies, contact Regional Dispatch at 250-490-4141.

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