

# NOTICE TO ALL NARAMATA IRRIGATION CUSTOMERS

## **IRRIGATION TURN-ON**

### STARTING THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2023

In the event that you do not wish to have your private system pressurized, please take whatever precautions are necessary to protect your private systems.

#### Please take note of the following before activating your private system:

- FLOW REGULATORS are required on all irrigation services. Operators
  will be checking for the installation of these flow regulators <u>before</u>
  turning on services.
- BACKFLOW PREVENTION is required for all fertigation, underground sprinkler systems, commercial/industrial connections and spray fillers.

Please note that all test reports for <u>backflow preventers</u> must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the irrigation turn-on date.

#### Please send backflow preventer test reports to one of the options below:

MAIL: Robert Palmer, Environmental Technologist

**RDOS Utilities Department** 

101 Martin Street, Penticton, B.C., V2A 5J9

**FAX:** 250-492-0063

EMAIL: utilities@rdos.bc.ca

Failure to do so could result in a water turn-off to properties in default of this requirement.

Warmer temperatures and irrigation turn-on will result in a larger volume or water flowing through the water lines that may cause temporary discoloration of the water. To avoid any inconvenience, run your cold water tap for a few minutes prior to laundering during the week of April 17, 2023.

# The Signs that it is Time to Rethink 'Tired' Irrigation Systems:

- Time taken to fix frequent leaks
- Increase in your water consumption
- Your system is old enough to vote
- Constant low water pressure

#### The Benefits of Upgrading your Irrigation System:

- Prevention of overspray that can flood areas around your property
- Prevention of over or under watering
- Updated technology with irrigation controllers and phone APPS
- Automated seasonal adjustments

For more information, please contact our Utilities Department at 250-490-4135. Thank you.