
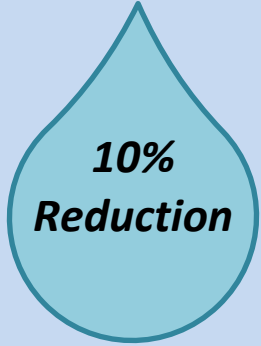


RESIDENTIAL WATERING RESTRICTIONS FOR SYSTEM USERS

STAGE 1

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is advising residents that **Stage 1** restrictions are in now in effect until further notice. This is necessary to reduce pressure on the system and to maintain adequate firefighting flows.

Stage 1 restrictions are intended to reduce total and peak use by **10%**.

Watering Established Lawns, Shrubs/Flowers	Newly Planted Sod, Trees or Flowering Shrubs	Outdoor Cleaning	Topping Up/ refilling Pools, Hot Tubs, Ponds or Water Features
<p><u>Manual Sprinklers:</u> 2 days per week 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM On your watering day</p> 	<p><u>Seeded Lawns or Turf:</u> Any day at any time using any method for the first 49 days after installation of seeded lawns.</p>	<p><u>Driveways, Sidewalks, Patios and Decks:</u> 2 days per week, using any method provided it does not result in *Excess Water Use <i>It is suggested to use a broom, or hose with spring loaded shut off nozzle</i></p>	<p><u>No Time Restrictions:</u> Any day, any time up to a maximum of 40,000 litres (10,500 US Gallons is the equivalent) Note: <i>Prior approval from Authorized Personnel required for volumes greater than 40,000 litres</i></p>
<p><u>Automated Irrigation Systems:</u> 12:01 AM to 6:00 AM On your watering day</p> <p><u>Drip Irrigation Systems</u> 12:01 AM to 6:00 AM Three days per week (Even numbered properties add Saturday & odd numbered properties add Sunday)</p>	<p><u>Trees and Flowering Shrubs:</u> Any day at any time using any method for 21 days after planting of new trees and flowering shrubs. Stage 1 restrictions are required after 21 days</p>	<p>*Excess water use is defined as applying more water than is required to provide a service, produce a product, or complete a task</p>	

<p>Hand watering of flower and vegetable gardens is three days per week 6-10 am & 6-10 pm (Even numbered add Saturday & odd numbered add Sunday)</p>	<p>Stage 1 is to inform the public of the potential for more severe drought if early draught (drier than average) conditions for local area are occurring.</p>
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For More Watering Restriction Stages, visit: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/utilities/water-systems/>

For General Inquiries: Utilities Department: 250-490-4135 or email: utilities@rdos.bc.ca

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

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