



**Outdoor Water Use Restrictions**

RDOS OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

YEAR ROUND

NO WATERING permitted on Mondays

NO SPRINKLING between 10am and 6pm

**3 Days / Week**

www.rdos.bc.ca/restrictions

## RESIDENTIAL WATERING RESTRICTIONS FOR SYSTEM USERS

### STAGE NORMAL

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen reminds Naramata Water System customers that **Stage Normal** watering restrictions are in effect **year round** or until situations change.

**Even numbered properties → Tues, Thurs and Saturday**

**Odd numbered properties → Wed, Fri and Sunday**

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></p> <p><b>3 days per week</b></p> <p><b>6:00 AM to 10:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>6:00 PM to 10:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>On your watering day</b></p>	<p><u>Seeded lawns or turf:</u></p> <p>- 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></p> <p>Any day, using any method provided it does not result in *Excess Water Use</p> <p><i>It is suggested to use a broom, or hose with spring loaded shut off nozzle</i></p>	<p>Any day at any time for volumes under 4,000 litres</p> <p><b>Note:</b> for volumes above 40,000 litres, 24 hour notice must be provided to the RDOS</p>
<p><u>Automated irrigation systems</u></p> <p><b>12:01 AM to 6:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>On your watering day</b></p>	<p><u>Trees and flowering shrubs:</u></p> <p>- Any day at any time using any method for 21 days after planting of new trees and flowering shrubs. Stage 1 restriction 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><b>Hand watering of flower and vegetable gardens allowed daily; drip or handheld.</b></p>	<p><b>Stage 'Normal' represents normal conditions for the local area and your water system. Water Restriction Stages are important to conserve water, minimize pumping costs and maintain adequate volumes (flow) for fighting fire.</b></p>		

For a complete list of restrictions visit: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/public-works/utilities/water-systems/water-restrictions/>

# We Help You Stay Informed

## Did You know....

The RDOS has a mass notification system for citizens and property owners within the regional district, called **CIVIC READY**. This new technology will enhance communication when it matters most; before, during and after an emergency event like floods or fires. **Also, for all RDOS owned and operated water systems, CIVIC READY will be useful for receiving notifications before any planned interruptions of service, such as utility project and construction events, power or water interruptions, and when water restriction stages are changed in response to local water supplies.**

### Are you a Farmer or Producer?

Civic Ready could be especially valuable for you. The RDOS is part of a valley-wide Agricultural Drought Communications project. This means that important water system and drought information is provided to you as weather or conditions change and drought becomes a possibility. This project does not wish to overload you with alerts, but provide timely messaging should the need arise.

#### Messages to expect:

- Early season updates on the snowpack and summer weather forecasts
- Water supply updates
- Changes in water restriction Stages and responses in your area
- Agricultural turn-on and off dates

## How Do I Sign Up?

Simply go to the RDOS web site <http://www.rdos.bc.ca/news-events/civic-ready/> and follow the prompts. It takes just a few minutes.



The screenshot shows the website for the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen. The header includes the logo and navigation links: Home, Regional Government, Departments, Services, News & Events, and Regional Bylaws. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled 'News & Events' and 'Civic Ready'. The page features a sidebar with a 'In this Section' menu containing links to Assent Voting, Civic Ready, EOC, Election, Employment Opportunities, Event Calendar, Media, and RDOS News. The main content area has a heading 'Civic Ready' and a sub-heading 'Be Safe - Be Informed - Be Involved in your Community!'. Below this is a section titled 'Sign Up Now for Emergency Notifications!' with a paragraph explaining the service and a link to learn more. There is also a section titled 'What kinds of Emergency Notifications should you expect to receive?' and another titled 'How do I sign up?'.

For after-hours water-related emergencies, contact Regional Dispatch at 250.490.4141.

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