



NOTICE TO ALL NARAMATA IRRIGATION CUSTOMERS

IRRIGATION TURN-OFF

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Utilities crew will commence fall irrigation turn-off the week of:

October 23, 2023

Please take whatever precautions necessary to winterize your private systems.

While this notice targets those with separate irrigation connections, it is also a great time for homeowners to check their Pressure Reducing Valves (PRV's) inside their homes **and/or** on their irrigation systems in high pressure areas. Check if they are working correctly and replace them as needed.

- PRV's help to protect plumbing fixtures from damage or breaks that may cause wasteful leaks.
- Signs of high pressure can be:
 - ⇒ banging heard in pipes (water hammer), or
 - ⇒ Water spitting out of faucets, worn washers, and intermittent toilet 'hiss'
- Life expectancy for PRV's = about 10 years

For more information, or to request an alternate irrigation shut off date, please contact the Utilities department at 250-490-4135 prior to **October 19, 2023**.

For after hours water emergencies, please call Regional Dispatch at 250-490-4141 and they will contact the Utilities Standby Operators.

Thank you for your cooperation.

RDOS Utilities Department, September 22, 2023

Things to check *before your System is turned off for winter:*

- Run each zone manually to make sure all leaks and devices are functioning properly
- Make a list of 'to -dos' *before* turn on; file forward for early next spring



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