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Stage 2 water conservation measures in effect for the Town of Creston and Erickson water systems

Nelson, BC: Effective immediately, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) and Town of Creston are implementing mandatory **Stage 2 water conservation measures** for the Erickson water system and the Town of Creston. The Arrow Creek water system is experiencing high water usage, resulting in reduced ability to perform essential maintenance procedures for continued water production. As a proactive measure for the anticipated extended hot weather and high levels of demand, the Arrow Creek water system requires that Creston and Erickson water system users conserve water.

"The Arrow Creek water treatment plant, which supplies water to both Erickson and the Town of Creston, is operating near maximum capacity," said Jason McDiarmid, RDCK Utility Services Manager. "As a result, equipment components are not able to be taken off-line for maintenance procedures that will ensure their continued operation for water production."

Stage 2 water conservation measures are now in effect for both the Town of Creston and Erickson Water Systems:

- Watering of lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs is ONLY permitted between 6:00 am 10:00 am and 8:00 pm 10:00 pm.
- Watering of gardens, trees and shrubs by watering can or hand-held hose is still permitted anytime.

The Town of Creston and the RDCK appreciate your cooperation in adhering to the above water conservation measures. Stage 2 water conservation measures will remain in effect until further notice and stricter water conservation measures may be required if demand increases significantly, hot and dry weather prevails, or stream flows decline to critically low levels.

Erickson water conservation measures are available on the RDCK website: <u>www.rdck.ca/water</u> Town of Creston water conservation measures are available at: <u>www.creston.ca</u>





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