



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

MEDIA RELEASE

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Stage 1 Water Conservation Measures now in effect for Riondel and South Slokan Water Systems

Nelson, BC: Effective immediately, **Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures have been downgraded to Stage 1 for the Riondel and South Slokan Water Systems.** Cooler weather and precipitation has lessened water demand, and reservoir levels in all systems have stabilized.

Stage 1 Water Conservation Measures include:

- Watering of lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs is **ONLY** permitted between 7:00pm-10:00am.
- Watering of gardens, trees and shrubs by watering can or hand-held hose is permitted anytime.

The Regional District appreciates water users' cooperation in adhering to the above water conservation measures. **Stage 1 Water Conservation Measures will remain in effect until September 30th for all RDCK water systems.**

Water Conservation Measures for RDCK water systems are shown in the following table. More details are available on the RDCK website at: www.rdck.ca/water.

For more information, please contact:

RDCK Water Services
(250) 352-8171
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Activity	Mandatory Restrictions			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Watering of lawns	ONLY between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited	Prohibited
Watering of new lawns (seed within 45 days and sod within 21 days of installation)	ONLY between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited (Except where permitted by the Works Superintendent)
Watering of gardens, trees and shrubs (excluding watering of commercial agricultural products)	ONLY between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited
	<i>Watering using drip irrigation*, a watering can, and or hand held hose, which eliminates over-spray is permitted at any time.</i>			
Pesticide or fertilizer application (using potable water with appropriate backflow prevention)	ONLY between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited	Prohibited
Wash down (sidewalks, walkways, driveways, exterior building surfaces, window, vehicles or other outdoor surface)	Permitted	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited (Except where critical for health and safety, & business operations)	Prohibited (Except where critical for health and safety)
Filling of fountains or other decorative features	Permitted	Prohibited (Except where permitted by the Works Superintendent)	Prohibited	Prohibited
Filling of outdoor hot tubs and/or wading pools.	Permitted	Permitted	Prohibited	Prohibited
Filling of swimming pools	ONLY between the hours 8 pm - 7 am	Prohibited (Except where permitted by the Works Superintendent)	Prohibited	Prohibited

**Drip irrigation delivers water to the root zone of the plants where individual emitters use less than 2 gallons per hours (7.6L/hr) at less than 20psi (140Kpa). This does not include soaker hoses or micro sprayers.*

For media enquiries, please contact:

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