



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY  
THE TOWN OF CRESTON & ERICKSON  
**MEDIA RELEASE**



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## Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures in Effect for the Town of Creston and Erickson Water Systems

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Creston, BC: Starting August 2nd, **mandatory Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures** are being implemented for the Town of Creston and Erickson water systems. The Arrow Creek water system is experiencing high water usage and declining reservoir levels. 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**.

**STAGE 2 WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES** are in effect for both the Town of Creston and Erickson Water Systems are as follows:

- **Watering of lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs is ONLY permitted between 6:00am-10:00am and 8:00pm-10:00pm.**
- **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: [www.rdck.ca/water](http://www.rdck.ca/water)  
Town of Creston water conservation measures are available at: [www.creston.ca](http://www.creston.ca)

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Activity	Mandatory Restrictions			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
<b>Watering of lawns</b>	<b>ONLY</b> between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	<b>ONLY</b> between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited	Prohibited
<b>Watering of new lawns</b> (seed within 45 days and sod within 21 days of installation)	<b>ONLY</b> between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	<b>ONLY</b> between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	<b>ONLY</b> between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited (Except where permitted by the Works Superintendent)
<b>Watering of gardens, trees and shrubs</b> (excluding watering of commercial agricultural products)	<b>ONLY</b> between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	<b>ONLY</b> between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	<b>ONLY</b> 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>			
<b>Pesticide or fertilizer application</b> (using potable water with appropriate backflow prevention)	<b>ONLY</b> between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	<b>ONLY</b> between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited	Prohibited
<b>Wash down</b> (sidewalks, walkways, driveways, exterior building surfaces, window, vehicles or other outdoor surface)	Permitted	<b>ONLY</b> 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)
<b>Filling of fountains or other decorative features</b>	Permitted	Prohibited (Except where permitted by the Works Superintendent)	Prohibited	Prohibited
<b>Filling of outdoor hot tubs and/or wading pools.</b>	Permitted	Permitted	Prohibited	Prohibited
<b>Filling of swimming pools</b>	<b>ONLY</b> 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.*

Factors used in the determination to impose further water conservation measures (Stage 2 – 4) will be:

- a. Waterworks System Demands
- b. Rainfall statistics
- c. Reservoir capacity
- d. Actual and predicted weather
- e. Source groundwater and/or stream levels

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