



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

# Media Release

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## Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures in effect for Balfour Water System

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Nelson, BC: Effective immediately, **mandatory Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures are being implemented in the Balfour Water System**. High water demand has resulted in low reservoir levels, which requires Balfour Water Users to conserve water.

**STAGE 2 WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES** include:

- **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 RDCK appreciates Balfour water users' 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, or if hot and dry weather prevails.

**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](http://www.rdck.ca/water).**

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## RDCK Water Conservation Measures:

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.*

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