



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

MEDIA RELEASE

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Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures in Effect for South Slokan Water System

Nelson, BC: Starting August 8th, mandatory Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures are being implemented for the South Slokan water system. This 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 South Slokan water system requires that users conserve water. We also ask that residents report any unusual wet ground areas that may indicate a water main or service leak as this may also be contributing to increased water consumption.

STAGE 2 WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES are now in effect for the South Slokan Water System, which means:

- **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 Regional District appreciates 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.

South Slokan water conservation measures are available on the RDCK website: www.rdck.ca/water.

For further information, please contact:

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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.*

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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