



## Post Wildfire Water Systems

As the work continues to shift from wildfire response to recovery, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) recognizes that some residents are concerned about the impacts of wildfires to their water system. It is understandable that water quality is of high importance to our communities. While the RDCK shares in that concern, the responsibility is with the owner of the water system to ensure its quality. If you are the owner of a private well or part of a community sharing a water system, it is your responsibility to ensure the quality of your water system is protected following an emergency.

The RDCK has compiled the following information to try and facilitate the necessary support for water system owners:

- Water testing is the responsibility of the individual license holders. Costs vary depending on the type of testing being completed and could range from \$55 for a coliforms test to over \$300 if testing for metals and hydrocarbons. For more information on the safety of drinking water in the Interior Region, and what processes to follow if you have concerns about your drinking water, go to [Interior Health's Drinking Water website](#). Another resource to check out is, [Health Canada's website on well water and health](#).
- In situations where there is damage to a water system caused by firefighting activity on private land, property owners should contact BC Wildfire Service claims directly [BCWSClaims@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCWSClaims@gov.bc.ca). If the damage is on crown land there is no mechanism for submitting claims for repairs.
- The RDCK, through the established resiliency centers would like to hear from residents where there are barriers to accessing water testing or repairing water systems. If property owners are facing challenges or difficulty when testing their water system, please connect with a RDCK Community Navigator at one of three community resiliency centres in Silverton, Slokan, or Argenta. Check [www.rdck.ca/eocinfo](http://www.rdck.ca/eocinfo) for the most up to date schedule of times and locations.

For further information, please visit a resiliency centre or contact the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre at 250.352.7701.



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## Resiliency Centre Hours

### Silverton Memorial Hall

- Tuesday, September 3 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Silverton Community Market

- Friday, September 6 – 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

### W.E. Graham Community Services Society (Learning Centre)

- Wednesday, September 4 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Thursday, September 5 – 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

### Argenta Community Hall

- Wednesday, September 4 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm



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