

Stage 1 Normal Water Restrictions in Effect

(Penticton, BC – April 29, 2021) – To help mitigate the potential complications of drought, the City of Penticton is reminding all residents about water restrictions that will occur from May 1 to August 31.

“During this stage, outdoor watering is permitted three days per week, only on assigned days according to your street address,” said Water Quality Supervisor, Micheal Firlotte. “This allows the City of Penticton to conserve our water in preparation for warmer, drier months to avoid more severe water restrictions.”

Watering days are as follows:

- **Odd** numbered street addresses may irrigate on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday only.
- **Even** numbered street addresses may irrigate on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday only.
- **No watering on Mondays.**
- Townhouses and condominiums follow their street address, not their unit address. Only properties zoned RSM (Mobile Home Park) use their respective unit number in place of street address.

Irrigation times are as follows:

- **Automatic irrigation** is permitted to run between 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. only on designated days.
- **Manual irrigation** is permitted to run between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. only on designated days.

To reduce your outdoor water use this spring and summer, here are some easy tips from [Okanagan WaterWise](#):

- **Put water on the night shift.** Water between dusk and dawn. Putting water to work during the coolest part of the day prevents evaporation.
- **Put water only where it’s needed.** Don’t let water waste time, effort, and money! It should sprinkle your lawn and garden, not pavement.
- **Let your grass grow.** Leave grass 2-3 inches tall (5-8 cm). This slows evaporation from the soil, making it work more effectively.
- **Choose plants suitable to our dry climate.** Drought-tolerant turf and native low-water variety plants save you water, time, and money. Visit the [Okanagan Xeriscape Association’s Plant Database](#) for a list of WaterWise plants for the Okanagan.

- **One inch of water a week will do.** Most lawns need just 1 inch (2.5 cm) of water per week – about the depth of a tuna can. Watering deeply and less often promotes deep, healthy root growth.
- **Check sprinkler heads.** Sometimes sprinkler heads break, or plants grow around the sprinkler head, preventing effective water use. Check sprinkler heads and make necessary fixes to ensure they are working right.

Visit www.penticton.ca/water for more information about water restrictions and conservation.

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