

## City encourages residents to be water smart amidst heat wave

(Penticton, BC – June 30, 2021) – Record-breaking temperatures in the Okanagan are making water conservation more important than ever. The City of Penticton is reminding residents to water only on designated days and times, and prepare for the possibility of increased outdoor water restrictions.

“This heat wave, coupled with an unusually dry spring, has increased the water demand in Penticton,” said Water Quality Supervisor, Micheal Firlotte. “If this high water demand and hot, dry weather continue, the City of Penticton may consider progressing to Stage 2 water restrictions.”

Stage 1 (Normal) 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.

The City of Penticton asks residents to reduce outdoor watering as much as possible, particularly during the heat of the day, and to avoid unnecessary watering such as washing vehicles and driveways. This allows delivery systems to keep up with water demand and allows emergency operations to respond to forest fires effectively.

Visit [www.penticton.ca/water](http://www.penticton.ca/water) for more information about water restrictions and conservation.

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