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Call to Reduce Water Consumption - Stage 2 Water Restrictions are Now in Effect in the District of Summerland

Due to the extreme heat event and the demands on the Summerland Water Treatment Plant, the District of Summerland is urging residents to reduce water consumption by 30% to avoid a Water Treatment Plant shutdown and a lengthy boil water notice. To aid in this reduction, Stage 2 Water Restrictions will be in effect beginning Tuesday, June 29.

Note: These water restrictions are **NOT** due to a lack of water storage within the District's watershed.

If water consumption is not reduced immediately, the Summerland Water System will be on a District-wide Boil Water Notice. To avoid Water Treatment Plant shutdown, the District may have to reduce demand by temporarily shutting off some irrigation services.

Under Stage 2 Water Restrictions, you may use micro-irrigation, drip irrigation or a hose with a shut-off nozzle to water trees, shrubs, or vegetables on any day, at any time.

Properties with Even Numbered Civic Addresses— a person may use their sprinkler to water lawns, trees, and shrubs before 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and Thursday only. However, those with residential underground water systems may only water between 12:00am and 6:00am on Sunday and Thursday only.

Properties with Odd Numbered Civic Addresses— a person may use their sprinkler to water lawns, trees, and shrubs before 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Tuesday only. However, those with residential underground water systems may only water between 12:00am and 6:00am on Saturday and Tuesday only.

Water restriction information can be found on the District's website at <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/water/water-restrictions>.

As a reminder for general emergency preparedness, residents may also wish to include a personal emergency drinking water supply as part of their emergency preparedness kits. Generally, it is recommended to have a minimum of 2 litres per person per day for drinking, plus water for cooking, cleaning, and pets as part of an emergency preparedness kit.

Crews will continue to monitor the situation and will post updates on the District's website and Facebook page.

If you require further information please contact Works & Infrastructure at 250-494-0431 (after hours inquiries: 250-493-0005).

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