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District of Summerland Calls for Voluntary Water Reductions Amid Early Drought Conditions

Summerland, BC – June 20, 2025 – The District of Summerland is asking residential property owners to voluntarily reduce their water use—especially outdoor irrigation—in response to escalating drought conditions and early pressure on our water supply.

Our region is now at *Level 2 drought status* per the [BC Drought Portal](#), with nearby watersheds—such as the Similkameen—already at Level 3. While restrictions are not mandated at this stage, we are urging all residential property owners to act now by voluntarily following **Stage 2 Watering Restrictions**, which include reduced outdoor watering hours and limiting non-essential water use. These measures help preserve stored water and delay the need for stricter, mandatory restrictions.

Here's what that looks like:

- **Sprinkler use for trees, shrubs, and lawns is allowed only before 9:00 AM or after 6:00 PM on Sundays and Thursdays (even numbered addresses) OR Saturdays and Tuesdays (odd numbered addresses).**
- **Micro-irrigation, drip irrigation, or a hose with a shut-off nozzle may be used to water trees, shrubs, or vegetables on any day, at any time.**
- **Avoid watering driveways or hard surfaces.**

Again, these measures are only voluntary currently and no enforcement of measures is being undertaken. These guidelines help residents care for landscapes responsibly while easing the strain on our water system. And while a rainy day here or there might be refreshing, it's not enough to replenish our reservoirs high in the headwaters behind the community. What is needed now is increased stewardship and a shared commitment to conserving water.

For full details on water restrictions and tips on conserving water, visit www.summerland.ca/city-services/water/water-restrictions/even-numbered-addresses

Water today, so we're not parched tomorrow. Help us keep the taps flowing—stay tuned for updates in the coming weeks as the season progresses.

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