

# Water Restrictions

## Stage 1 – Dry

### Effective Immediately

#### Town of Oliver Water System Customers Only

In 2017, The Town of Oliver completed a, "Drought Management Plan"; this plan consists of methods to reduce the effects of drought conditions on all system users. One of these methods is to implement water restrictions in response to environmental factors which include both; Okanagan Lake and groundwater well levels.

**Oliver is currently in Stage 1 Water Restrictions, affecting outdoor watering only!**

Town of Oliver water customers please note:

#### Domestic Water Users

Properties that have water flowing through a water meter are using domestic groundwater for irrigating and should restrict their irrigating to three days a week using even and odd house numbering as a guideline.

**Odd Numbered Houses** – If your house number ends in a 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9, you may use a sprinkler for lawns, trees, and shrubs on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday only.

**Even Numbered Houses** – If your house number ends in a 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8, you may use a sprinkler for lawns, trees, and shrubs on Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday only.

**Residential Underground Irrigation Systems can only water between the times of Midnight - 7 A.M. on their watering days. Please adjust your timers.**

#### Irrigation Water Users (Farms or Businesses)

Properties that are using water from our irrigation system or pumping from our canal system should consider reducing water use where they can and is voluntary at this time.

***\* Irrigation users still need to be aware of their total water usage and try to find ways to improve watering times and systems because the Town of Oliver's irrigation canal system can still only produce 70% of full capacity due to a damaged siphon during the 2016 Gallagher Lake Rock Slide.***



To get more information from the Town of Oliver, watering tips & drought information, please visit the following web sites:



[www.oliver.ca](http://www.oliver.ca)



[www.obwb.ca](http://www.obwb.ca)



[www.makewaterwork.ca](http://www.makewaterwork.ca)

## Quick useful Tips for Being Waterwise in the Yard

- ✓ Collect rain water in rain barrels for watering plants
- ✓ Ensure there are no leaks in irrigation systems
- ✓ Restrict watering to evening / night hours only (day time watering loses up to 50% of water to evaporation). Use soaker hoses for deep root watering
- ✓ Sprinklers should be directly watering plant material, not sidewalks or roads
- ✓ Water lawns deeply, allowing moisture to soak into the soil and build stronger roots
- ✓ Mow grass to a height of 5 to 6 cm
- ✓ Xeriscape (replacing some of the green lawn with native vegetation that requires less water)
- ✓ Place leaves and bark mulch around trees and shrubs to hold in moisture
- ✓ Choose plants that like dry heat
- ✓ Aerate lawns in the spring and fall, increasing the flow of water to the roots
- ✓ Cover your swimming pool when not in use, this will reduce water loss through evaporation by 90%. Ensure there are no leaks in swimming pools
- ✓ Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of rinsing off with a hose
- ✓ Have children play with spray bottles or super soakers instead of using sprinklers

