



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY & TOWN OF CRESTON WATER CONSERVATION NOTICE



Creston, BC
For Immediate Release

June 25, 2015

Stage 3 Water Conservation Measures in Effect **Town of Creston and Erickson**

The Arrow Creek water supply system is experiencing early year high demand due to the extended hot weather and low precipitation over the last 2 months. This situation is threatening the water supply from Arrow Creek with historic low creek flows for this time of the year. Current water withdrawal rates from the Creek may not be sustainable if the dry and hot weather continues.

As a result the Town of Creston has activated their water well in order to augment the supply from the Arrow Creek Treatment Plant and current Stage 2 Water Conservation measures in place have been further upgraded to **Stage 3 Water Conservation Requirements effective immediately**. We are asking that all water users comply with the following:

- Watering of lawns is NOT permitted.
- Watering of gardens, trees and shrubs is ONLY permitted between 6:00am-10:00am.
- Watering of gardens, trees, and shrubs by watering can or hand-held hose is still permitted anytime.

The RDCK and the Town of Creston appreciate your cooperation in adhering to the above water conservation measures. Stage 3 Water Conservation Measures will remain in effect until further notice and stricter water conservation measures may be implemented if demand does not decline. Full water conservation measures table and various stages are on the reverse of this sheet.

Town of Creston water conservation measures are available at: www.creston.ca
Erickson water conservation measures are available on the RDCK website: www.rdck.ca

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Water Use Restrictions from Town of Creston Water Rates & Regulations Bylaw 1439

Activity	Recommended Practice	Mandatory Restrictions		
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Watering of lawns	Anytime except between 10am to 7pm daily	Between 6am – 10am only	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Watering of gardens, trees and shrubs	Anytime except between 10am to 7pm daily	Anytime except between 10am to 7pm daily.	Between 6am – 10am only	Not Allowed
	Hand watering using a watering can or hand held hose, which eliminates overspray, can be undertaken at any time of the day.			
Watering of new grass plantings (sod or seed) with reasonable evidence of installation – sod within 21 days and seed within 45 days.	Anytime except between 10am to 7pm daily	Between 6am – 10am only	Between 6am – 10am only	Not Allowed
Pesticide or fertilizer application requiring use of potable water with appropriate backflow prevention.	Anytime except between 10am to 7pm daily	Between 6am – 10am only	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Wash down of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, exterior building surfaces, window, vehicles or other outdoor surface.	Anytime	Permitted except between 10am to 7pm daily.	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Filling of fountains or other decorative features	Anytime	Permitted	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Filling of outdoor hot tubs and/ or wading pools.	Anytime	Permitted	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Filling of swimming pools	After 8pm and before 7am	Not Allowed without permission of the Works Superintendent	Not Allowed	Not Allowed
Residential use of water-using appliances such as washing machines and dishwashers	Permitted	Permitted	Recommended reduction of use	Recommended reduction of use
Water used by large commercial water users (laundromats, carwashes etc.)	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Not Allowed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Hydrometric Data Graph for Arrow Creek (May 1st to June 25th, 2015)

Source: Environment Canada <http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/>

