

# SILVER STAR WATER UTILITY

2023 Newsletter from the Regional District of North Okanagan



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## Water Projects This Year!

The team at SSW continuously works to complete works to improve safety and resilience of the water system. Due to continuing challenges with emerging water quality issues, specifically manganese and algae, we are planning to conduct a study to review filtration as a means to effectively reduce the risks from these issues and continue to provide high quality water. Operations is effectively managing these water quality issues at this time, however they may become a bigger issue as Silver Star continues to grow and conditions change.

Another project we aim to complete this year is a dam safety review for the Vance and Paradise dams. These dams are integral to the water system as they store the water supply used during the winter ski season. The review was started in 2022, but further geotechnical investigations are required. Additional work on the dams may be required in the upcoming years as provincial regulations continue to change.

## Sign up for MyRDNO

We have launched a new online platform that gives you instant access to your utility account!

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## Water Updates!

Want to know about things like water quality advisories, the impact planned water utility work may have on you, and water restrictions on your water system?

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# Everyone can be FireSmart!

Being FireSmart starts with where you live. Taking action to FireSmart your property will dramatically decrease the risk of wildfire damaging your home. The best part is, it's surprisingly easy to do.

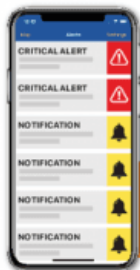
## Being FireSmart in the Wildland Urban Interface

The Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) is where human development meets or intermingles with the natural environment, including Silver Star Mountain. When we live, work, and play in WUI zones, we become more exposed to wildland fire danger, so it's important to have a FireSmart-mitigated property. A good place to start is by completing a Home Ignition Zone Assessment Card, which you can find at [firesmartbc.ca](http://firesmartbc.ca) under the Homeowner Tools tab.



## Get Familiar with Ignition Zones

When planning your FireSmart actions, start from the home and progress outwards. Some steps in the Immediate Zone include cleaning gutters, installing a spark arrestor on your chimney and moving fuels, like wood piles, away from the house. Then, move onto your yard and consider actions like tree spacing and pruning. Finally, if you have a large yard, your actions in the Extended Zones will influence how a potential wildfire approaches your home. FireSmart BC recommends thinning and pruning coniferous trees and removing excess vegetation and branches.



Stay Aware & Plan Ahead

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## Prepare your Family's Emergency Plan

Every home should have an emergency plan which is regularly updated and reviewed. A home emergency plan is a playbook for how you and the people you live with will respond during an emergency. You can start with the step-by-step guide at [preparedbc.ca](http://preparedbc.ca).