

Updates from the RDNO



Spring is Here!

If you are ready to wake your garden and yard up from hibernation and start planting, choose plants that love our naturally dry climate! We have a list of Waterwise plants at www.rdno.ca/conservation.

And, keep in mind that leaks in your irrigation system aren't uncommon as they get up and running. Pooling, mushy grass, and dripping sprinkler heads are common signs of an irrigation leak. Our Waterwise Gardening Guide also includes tips on irrigation maintenance along with other valuable tips for conserving water at www.rdno.ca/conservation.

Greater Vernon Water Restrictions

Did you know water restrictions are in effect year-round? You can water up to 3 days per week, following this schedule:

Even House / Unit Number - Wed / Fri / Sun

Odd House / Unit Number - Tue / Thu / Sat

How often should I water?

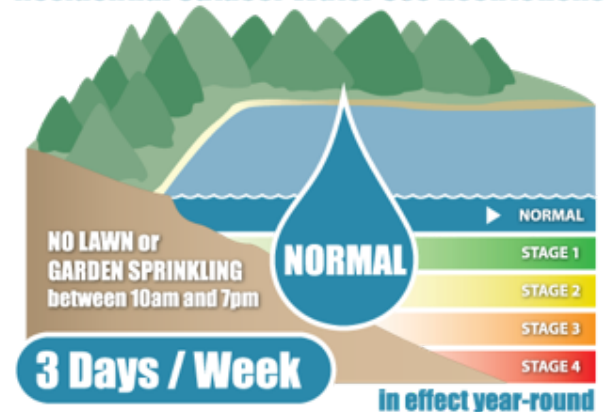
Most lawns only need water once a week.

How much?

Enough to reach a depth of 2.5 cm. Time how long it takes your sprinkler to fill a tuna can.

For more information, visit www.rdno.ca/restrictions.

Residential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions



Water Main Flushing

Who knew spring cleaning also applied to water utilities? Nice weather often means it's time to maintain our water pipes. Crews follow a schedule and flush our water system throughout the year to get rid of accumulated sand and silt to keep water clean and clear.

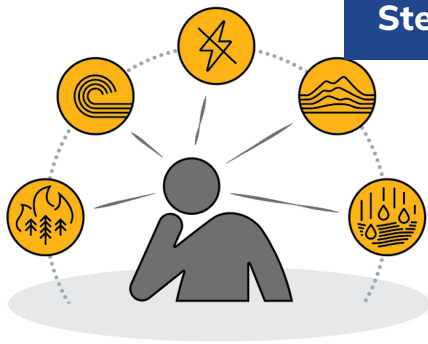
You'll know flushing is happening in your neighbourhood when signs are posted on the street. When there's flushing in your area, you might experience a temporary reduction in water pressure, additional sediment or discolouration of the water, and/or cloudy water.

After flushing is completed, we suggest running a cold water tap until your water is clear.

Please be considerate of crews working and drive carefully in work areas – they'll have their road signs up to let you know where they are working. For updates, please contact Greater Vernon Water at 250.550.3700 or visit our website at www.rdno.ca/flushing.

Make your Family's Emergency Plan this Spring

Every household needs a home emergency plan. Take a break from your spring cleaning to get prepared for a potential emergency by following PreparedBC's three-step system. Knowing your hazards, making your plan, and gathering your supplies can reduce anxiety and result in a better response and faster recovery.



Step 1: Know your Hazards

Areas that are prone to flooding can require different methods of preparation compared to an area that is prone to earthquakes. Knowing which hazards to plan for is the first step in getting prepared with your custom plan.

Not sure what to prepare for? Use the hazard map at preparedbc.ca to see what could occur near you.



Step 2: Make your Plan

Now that you have taken a scan of possible hazards you could face, you're ready to create your family's emergency plan.

A home emergency plan is a playbook for how you and the people you live with will respond during an emergency. Visit preparedbc.ca/emergencyplan and download the fill-in-the-blanks template. Once completed, your plan will include information like family and emergency phone numbers and what you will need to prepare based on your unique situation, such as having an extra supply of medication in your emergency kit.



Step 3: Build your Kits

Depending on the type of disaster, you may need to stay home or leave immediately. Prepare for either scenario by creating an emergency kit and a grab-and-go bag.

An emergency kit should contain supplies like a copy of your emergency plan, food and water, a first aid kit, clothing, batteries, flashlights and a radio. You can also create a grab-and-go bag which is a smaller, more portable version of your emergency kit.

Find a basic list of supplies to include in your kits along with budget-friendly ideas at preparedbc.ca.



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