

Updates from the RDNO

Greater Vernon Water Restrictions

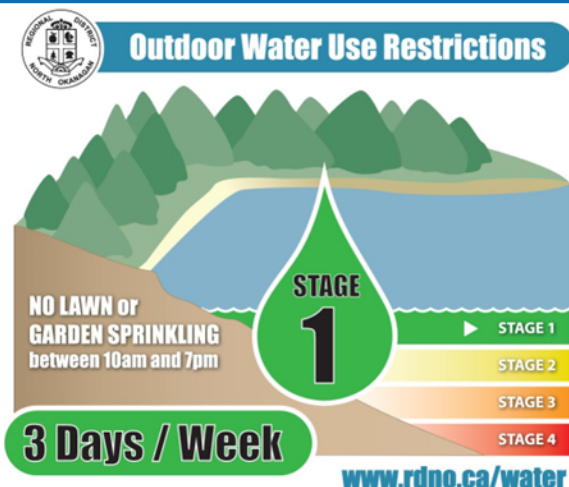
Did you know water restrictions are in effect year-round? Currently, at Stage 1 restrictions, you can water up to 3 days per week, following this schedule:

Even House / Unit Number - Wed / Fri / Sun

Odd House / Unit Number - Tue / Thu / Sat

But how often should you water?

Most lawns thrive with just one watering session per week! And here's the trick: aim for a depth of 2.5 cm by timing how long it takes your sprinkler to fill a tuna can.



Help conserve water by staying updated! Watch for announcements on water conservation at www.rdno.ca/news (filter by Water Notices), the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RDNorthOkanagan and through email subscriptions at www.rdno.ca/subscribe (select Greater Vernon Water Notices). For additional tips and information, visit www.rdno.ca/restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation!



Spring into Sustainable Gardening!

As the vibrant colours of spring emerge, it's time to awaken your garden and yard from their winter slumber. Choose plants that thrive in our naturally dry climate. Explore Waterwise plants and transform your outdoor space into a sustainable oasis that supports bees and other wildlife!

As you gear up your irrigation system for the season, keep an eye out for leaks that may waste our precious resource. Signs like pooling water, mushy grass, or dripping sprinkler heads indicate potential leaks. Don't fret! Our Waterwise Gardening Guide offers expert tips on irrigation maintenance and other valuable insights for conserving water. Discover more at www.rdno.ca/conservation and make every drop count!



Water Main Flushing

As the seasons shift, it's time for a little spring cleaning – even for our water utilities! Our dedicated crews are hard at work flushing the water system to remove sand and silt buildup, ensuring your water stays clean and clear. Flushing may be halted if further restrictions are needed but it is imperative to maintain water quality and we will continue while we can.

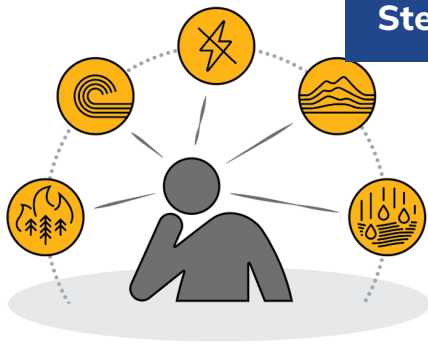
During flushing, you might notice temporary changes like reduced water pressure or some sediment in your water. Don't worry – it's all part of the process! Once flushing is complete, just run your cold water tap until it runs clear.

Please drive carefully around our crews and watch for signs in your area.

For updates, contact Greater Vernon Water at 250.550.3700 or visit 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.