

UPDATES FROM THE RDNO

2026 Newsletter from the Regional District of North Okanagan

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 signage in your area.
For updates, contact Greater Vernon Water at 250.550.3700 or visit rdno.ca/flushing.

AGRICULTURAL VOLUMETRIC BILLING

Greater Vernon Water is introducing volumetric billing for agricultural users starting in 2027 to support long-term water sustainability and encourage efficient use of our shared water resources. This change helps align conservation goals while keeping costs reasonable for producers.

To learn more about what this change means for the agricultural community, visit rdno.ca/gvw/agwater.

METER REPLACEMENTS

Approximately 3,500 residential water meters across the Greater Vernon Water system will be replaced in the coming months to ensure accurate and reliable meter readings. Many of the older-style meters have reached the end of their service life, and updating them helps maintain high-quality service. If you receive a notice, please follow the steps provided so the meter replacement can be completed efficiently and with minimal disruption.



FIND INFO ON OUR WEBSITE

Residents can find contacts and information for water emergencies at rdno.ca/emergencies. We also encourage you to subscribe to the RDNO email list for important emails from Greater Vernon Water relating to Boil Water Notices, Water Quality Advisories, and Agricultural Water Information.

Sign up at rdno.ca/subscribe



NORTH OKANAGAN - TOO GOOD TO WASTE

The Regional District of North Okanagan is proud to launch *North Okanagan - Too Good to Waste*, a new community-driven campaign that encourages residents and businesses to take pride in where we live by reducing waste and conserving water.

The North Okanagan is one of the most beautiful and ecologically unique regions in Canada. From teal-coloured lakes and rolling hills to vibrant communities and rich agricultural lands, it's a place worth celebrating - and protecting. The Too Good to Waste initiative is about celebrating where we live and identifying the small steps we can take that have significant impacts.

The messaging aims to educate residents that whether they are parents, students, outdoor enthusiasts, or business owners, every action has an impact. If the 98,000 people in the North Okanagan took one sustainable step each day, it would add over 35 million sustainable actions in one year. Together, we can all build a more sustainable region and support what makes it such a special place.



Find out how you can help at rdno.ca/TooGoodToWaste

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 precious water. 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 rdno.ca/conservation and make every drop count!

FOOD, YARD & GARDEN

Find tips on the many ways you can keep food and yard waste out of landfills and put it to good use! Compost can provide many benefits in improving our soils, increasing their nutrients, retaining more water, and improving plant health.

Check out rdno.ca/compost for composting tips on composting solutions, food waste prevention tips, the RDNO Composter Rebate program and additional information on the the RDNO free yard and garden waste drop off and free RDNO-Gro compost pile.

