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Greater Vernon Water Temporarily Switching Water Source for Parts of Lavington

In support of the local agricultural community during the current Stage 3 water restrictions, the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO), in conjunction with Interior Health, will be temporarily switching the water source for some Greater Vernon Water (GVW) customers in the Lavington area.

This change is a result of lower-than-normal water levels in the GVW reservoirs and helps prioritize available surface water for agricultural use while maintaining safe, reliable drinking water for residents. Customers in the affected area (map attached) will temporarily be switched from the Duteau water source to the Antwerp Deep Well, an approved secondary water source. This source has been tested in advance of this change and meets all drinking water guidelines in place through Interior Health. The switch is expected to start today, June 12, 2026, and water quality will be closely monitored throughout.

Customers should not notice any interruption to their drinking water service during the source change, and the water will remain safe to drink; however, customers may notice minor changes in taste, smell, or appearance. This is due to higher levels of naturally occurring manganese in the groundwater source. The Antwerp Deep Well draws from a protected groundwater aquifer and is treated with chlorine, in accordance with provincial standards.

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