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Parts of Lavington and Coldstream Return to Duteau Creek Water Source

The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) is informing some Greater Vernon Water (GVW) customers in the Lavington and Coldstream areas that the Antwerp Deep Well will be turned off, and the system will return to normal operating conditions.

Following the successful use of the Antwerp Deep Well water source during the continuing 2026 drought and Stage 3 water restrictions, GVW will transition back to the Duteau water source. With agricultural irrigation water use ending on October 30, overall water demand has declined, allowing the system to return to normal source water operations.

The initial source change, combined with significant conservation efforts by residents, businesses, and agricultural water users across Greater Vernon, helped protect limited water supplies and support water demands during a very challenging season. The Antwerp Deep Well proved to be a necessary and valuable secondary water source for the Greater Vernon Water system and remains available as an approved emergency backup source should it be needed in the future. In addition, enhanced treatment measures implemented during operation helped address some of the taste, odor, and appearance concerns reported by customers.

Customers in [the affected area](#) will be switched from the Antwerp Deep Well water source to their normal Duteau water source. The switch is expected to start on, October 29, 2026, and water quality will continue to be regularly monitored. Due to low flows in the system, customers may not see the water quality change for a couple of days.

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Greater Vernon Water Temporarily Switching Water Source for Parts of Lavington and Coldstream

UPDATED AREA

UPDATED: June 24, 2026

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.

The original affected area has been expanded to include additional addresses on Brewer Rd, Hwy 6 from Brewer Rd to Buchanan Rd, Aberdeen Rd N, and areas near Kalamalka Lake Rd between Hwy 6 and McClounie Rd. To see if your address is included, please zoom in on the attached map.

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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ORIGINAL NOTICE: June 3, 2026

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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