

# NOTICE

## STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT FAULDER WATER SYSTEM USERS

MAY 2013

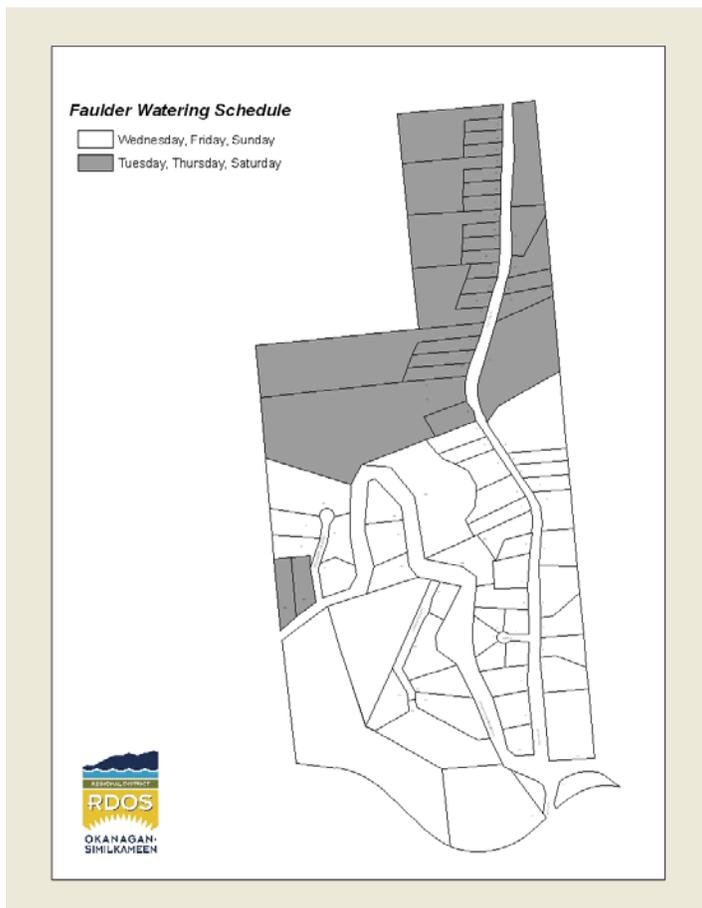
The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen wishes to advise Faulder Water System customers that the following watering restrictions are now in effect for 2013.

### LAWN SPINKLING REGULATIONS

**Before 9:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. on your regular watering day**

SHADED GREY AREAS OF THE MAP → TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY  
(104 Fish Lake Road and all properties north, 8000 & 8008 Princeton-Summerland Road)

NON-SHADED AREAS OF THE MAP → WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, SUNDAY  
(98 Fish Lake Road and all properties south, Princeton-Summerland Road and Mountain View Road)



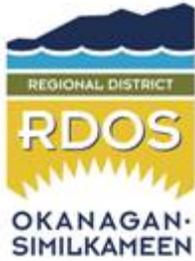
Hand watering of flower and vegetable gardens is allowed daily. See the back page of this flyer for some tips on how to conserve water outdoors.

After hours water-related emergencies contact Dispatch at 250.490.4141. Please call the Regional District at 250.490.4135 or toll free 1.877.610.3737 to report violations of the Faulder Water Restrictions.

**Email Updates:** We have recently upgraded our server and will need to request new email information from all Faulder water customers who wish to receive notices by email. Please send an email to [info@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdos.bc.ca). Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen**  
**Public Works Department**  
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## Tips To Help You Conserve Water

### Natural Lawn Care Tips

- Most lawns don't need more than 2.5 cm (1 inch) of water per week. Typically, residential lawns only need one hour of sprinkling per week to stay healthy.
- Water your lawn in the morning rather than in the evening to reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation. Residents with automatic irrigation systems should set them to operate between 4 and 6 a.m. when demand on the water system is low.
- Aerate your lawn by punching holes in it about 12 centimeters apart to permit better absorption of water.
- Rake in some compost and you'll improve moisture retention and reduce the need for fertilizer. Let your grass grow longer to create a healthier root system.

### Sprinklers

Drip irrigation systems are the most efficient method of watering clusters of plants and are exempt from sprinkling regulations. Efficient sprinklers provide an even spray of large, fat drops, not a fine mist. Use devices (i.e., rain sensors, rain switches) that time or measure the amount of water that has been applied, and automatically shut off the supply when it is raining.

### Watering Your Garden

Sprinkling restrictions do not affect vegetable and flower garden watering. You may water your garden as often as needed, but use a watering can or a hose with a spring-loaded, shut-off nozzle to reduce water waste.

### Conserving Water in Your Garden

- Mulching is one of the best ways to conserve water. It also reduces erosion and discourages weeds. Spread grass clippings or other mulch materials around the base of plants and shrubs.
- Applying organic matter (such as ground bark, animal manure, softwood sawdust, peat moss, leaves and wood or vegetable products) to soil increases its ability to hold water, and improves nutrient content.
- Plant water wise plants. By reducing lawn area or by incorporating drought-tolerant plants that need less water, gardeners can help conserve water during hot, dry summer months. Small leaves, fat leaves, grey leaves, and fuzzy leaves are all indicators of drought-hardy plants.

*Questions? Call the Regional District at 250.490.4135 or toll free at 1.877.610.3737*