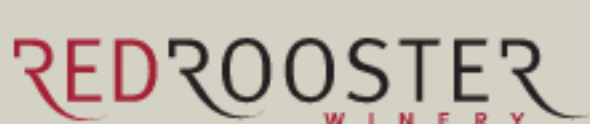


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Water restrictions begin May 1 in Penticton

Penticton restricted watering to 2 days a week following the June heat dome

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To help mitigate the potential complications of drought, the City of Penticton will start water restrictions May 1 and go to Aug. 31.

Watering days are as follows:

Odd numbered street addresses may irrigate on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday only.

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Even numbered street addresses may irrigate on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday only.

No watering on Mondays.

Townhouses and condominiums follow their street address, not their unit address. Only properties zoned RSM (Mobile Home Park) use their respective unit number in place of street address.

Irrigation times are as follows:

Automatic irrigation is permitted to run between 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. only on designated days.

Manual irrigation is permitted to run between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. only on designated days.

In July 2021, Penticton restricted watering to two days a week after a dry spring and heat dome.

[READ MORE: Penticton goes into stage 2 water restrictions](#)

Easy watering tips from Okanagan WaterWise:

Water between dusk and dawn. Putting water to work during the coolest part of the day prevents evaporation.

Put water only where it's needed. Don't let water waste time, effort, and money! It should sprinkle your lawn and garden, not pavement.

Let your grass grow. Leave grass 2-3 inches tall (5-8 cm). This slows evaporation from the soil, making it work more effectively.

Choose plants suitable to our dry climate. Drought-tolerant turf and native low-water variety plants save you water, time, and money. Visit the Okanagan Xeriscape Association's Plant Database for a list of WaterWise plants for the Okanagan.

One inch of water a week will do. Most lawns need just 1 inch (2.5 cm) of water per week – about the depth of a tuna can. Watering deeply and less often promotes deep, healthy root growth.

Check sprinkler heads. Sometimes sprinkler heads break, or plants grow around the sprinkler head, preventing effective water use.