



LEVEL II WATER RESTRICTION

In response to Alberta's current drought conditions, and in consultation with local authorities and our neighbouring municipalities, Foothills County has determined that effective immediately, it is necessary to impose a **Level II Water Restriction**.

The Province has advised that, based on current forecasts, it is expected that severe drought conditions will continue and potentially worsen throughout this year. As a small licence holder in Alberta, the Province has asked that we help with the conservation efforts by implementing a 5-10% reduction in water use.

What does this mean for residents of Foothills County?

A **Level II Water Restriction** means that residents and businesses using County-supplied water must comply with **Mandatory Watering Restrictions**.

ALL OUTDOOR WATER USE including watering lawns, non-commercial washing of vehicles, sidewalks, pads, exteriors of buildings, filling of hot tubs or Jacuzzis and recreational use of sprinklers and water toys is restricted to the following schedule:

- Odd numbered addresses may use water on **THURSDAYS and SUNDAYS**
- Even numbered addresses may use water on **WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS**
- Watering may occur only during the hours of 6:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. **OR** 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Flowerbeds and vegetable gardens may be watered by hand, seven days a week during the hours prescribed above, using a watering can or a hose with a nozzle trigger shut off to restrict water flow.

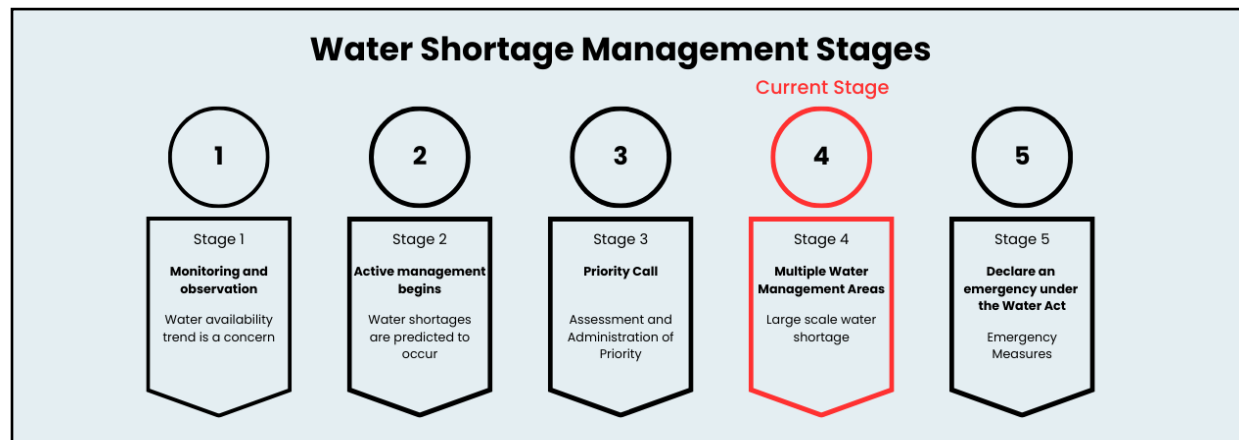
FINES MAY BE IMPOSED SHOULD A PERSON BE FOUND IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE RESTRICTIONS OUTLINED ABOVE.

All residents are encouraged to limit non-essential water use. Examples of things you can do include refraining from:

- Washing vehicles.
- Washing outside surfaces such as sidewalks, parking lots and building exteriors unless necessary for maintaining public sanitation or safety.
- Irrigating lawns, trees, flower beds and athletic fields.
- Filling recreational or decorative fountains, swimming pools and hot tubs.
- Using water for construction purposes, such as grading and compacting.

The County's Water Conservation Bylaw 01/2021 governs water use and water conservation measures during events of water shortage. To view the County's Bylaw, please visit www.FoothillsCountyAB.ca. If you have any questions, please contact Foothills County Administration at 403-652-2341.

The Province of Alberta's Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) Ministry defines five stages for managing a water shortage:



Alberta is currently at STAGE 4 of its management strategy, which means that:

- The water shortage impacts multiple water management areas.
- A significant number of licensees, traditional agricultural users and household users in the water management areas are impacted and are unable to divert water.
- The water shortage persists or is projected to persist.

There are a number of ways we can reduce water use in our daily lives.

In the house

- Take shorter showers. Reducing shower time by 5 minutes will save about 100 litres of water per day.
- Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving. Turning off the water when brushing your teeth could save about 32 litres per person, per day.
- Fix leaks, including leaky toilets and faucets. This can reduce water use by up to 10%.
- Fill the sink instead of letting the water run when washing dishes.
- Keep a jug of cool water in the fridge instead of running the tap.
- Use dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only.
- Invest in modern, high-efficiency appliances that are more energy and water efficient. For example, new front-load washing machines use about 50% less water than older top-load units.

In the yard

- Water your lawn no more than necessary. Also, keeping your grass a bit taller (5 to 7 cm) will help shade the soil and allow better moisture retention.
- Collect and reuse water for outdoor plant use.
- Clean outside with a broom instead of a hose.
- Check for leaks in outdoor pipes, faucets, and hoses.
- Plant drought tolerant vegetation and add mulch to help reduce evaporation and keep more moisture in your soil.

Visit www.Alberta.ca/drought for more information.