

THE VILLAGE OF KASLO
Resolution 212/2017

POLICY TITLE: Water Conservation Measures

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Village seeks to align Water Conservation measures with those of the Regional District of Central Kootenay given that unincorporated utility customers and municipal residents should receive clear, consistent information at times of shortage or drought. In a period of serious concerns with respect to climate change adaptation, the public is encouraged to take water conservation measures seriously and comply voluntarily.

- 1. Stage 1 Water Conservation Measures go into effect every year regardless of seasonal weather patterns.** These measures are in effect from June 1st to September 30th. The Village may, upon notification, impose further water conservation measures (Stages 2-4) as necessary and will additionally request the Regional District to inform their **municipal customers** accordingly.
- 2. Public Works may, in response to complaints or observed non-compliance, plant *Water Smart* flags in front of properties to encourage initial compliance through a friendly warning that additionally alerts the passing public to the situation.** This will not be done in unincorporated customer areas.
- 3. Conservation enforcement with respect to unincorporated customers shall be done through the Regional District of Central Kootenay with their cooperation and agreement with respect to actions.**
- 4. As per municipal bylaws and powers under the *Community Charter*, Public Works may shut off the water connection to properties in serious cases of non-compliance after serving one written warning to the tenant/ owner/ occupant.**
- 5. Water Conservation stage changes will be communicated by physical posting and social media/ website.**
- 6. Activities and stages are described in the table appended to this policy.** If Regional District of Central Kootenay conservation measures change, this policy shall automatically be updated by staff to reflect that change and shall be provided to Council for information and review.
- 7. Council or the CAO will review requests to vary or relax the restrictions in specific situations.** Any approval will be issued in writing.
- 8. Serious noncompliance at specific properties within the Village may be partly mitigated by the CAO recommending to Council that a water meter be installed at the owner's expense and the property billed at the appropriate metered rate going forward.**

Activity	Mandatory Restrictions			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Watering of lawns	ONLY between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited	Prohibited
Watering of new lawns (seed within 45 days and sod within 21 days of installation)	ONLY between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited (Except where permitted by the Manager)
Watering of gardens, trees and shrubs (excluding watering of commercial agricultural products)	ONLY between the hours 7 pm - 10 am	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited
	<i>Watering using drip irrigation*, a watering can, and or hand held hose, which eliminates over-spray is permitted at any time.</i>			
Watering of Commercial Agricultural Products (production and sales)	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted (Voluntary Conservation)
Wash down (sidewalks, walkways, driveways, exterior building surfaces, window, vehicles or other outdoor surface)	Permitted	ONLY between the hours 6 am – 10 am, and 8 pm – 10 pm	Prohibited (Except where critical for health and safety, & business operations)	Prohibited (Except where critical for health and safety)
Filling of fountains or other decorative features	Permitted	Prohibited (Except where permitted by the Manager)	Prohibited	Prohibited
Filling of outdoor hot tubs and/or wading pools.	Permitted	Permitted	Prohibited	Prohibited
Filling of swimming pools	ONLY between the hours 8 pm - 7 am	Prohibited (Except where permitted by the Manager)	Prohibited	Prohibited
Dwelling water consuming appliances such as washing machines and dishwashers	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted (Voluntary Conservation)	Permitted (Voluntary Conservation)
Large commercial water use such as laundromats, washers, carwashes, etc.	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted (Voluntary Conservation)	Permitted (Voluntary Conservation)

**Drip irrigation delivers water to the root zone of the plants where individual emitters use less than 2 gallons per hours (7.6L/hr) at less than 20psi (140Kpa). This does not include soaker hoses or micro sprayers.*

THIS POLICY WAS CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON November 14th 2017
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SUPERCEDES: Standard operating guideline on water conservation measures