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Water Conservation Is A Shared Responsibility

Learn about the four stages

Okotoks residents live in one of the most scarce water regions in Canada. As such, we have a shared responsibility to live within the means of the Sheep River. The four outdoor watering stages follow responsible water use practices and become increasingly cautious, depending on the current river and reservoir levels. This helps to maintain sufficient water supply for indoor household use, commercial use and fire suppression during dry summer months.

Stage 1: Watering Schedule In Effect

Stage 2: Careful Use

Stage 3: Partial Outdoor Water Ban

Stage 4: Complete Outdoor Water Ban

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Got Food Waste?



Businesses invited to take part in organics diversion pilot project

The Town is collecting food waste from local businesses to be used for carbon-neutral heating and regenerative agriculture. Since February, the project has collected and dehydrated over **5,000 kg of food waste**, preventing the release of more than 48,000 kg of carbon equivalent (CO₂e) from entering the atmosphere. For details, email

waste@okotoks.ca

Land Use Bylaw Amendment

Council approves permanent deer deterrent fencing

Following a public hearing on June 12, Town Council approved a Land Use Bylaw (LUB) amendment to include permanent deer deterrent fencing as part of ongoing deer mitigation strategies. The amendment enables the heights of backyard fences to increase to 2.3 meters (approx. 7.5 feet) provided they are chain-link, wrought iron or rail style when adjacent to open space. This height is expected to deter deer and also provides visibility, light and air flow.

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Upcoming Events

July 22: Taste of Okotoks

July 21-23: AB Summer Games

July 26: Pollinator River Walk

Aug 26: Chilifest & BBQ Showdown

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Growing Healthy Grass

1. Keep your lawn at least 3 inches high.
2. Plant drought-tolerant grasses.
3. Leave grass clippings on the lawn to enhance the soil and prevent water from evaporating too quickly.
4. Less water results in deeper & stronger roots - **your grass only needs 1 inch of water per week.**

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Did You Know?

Half an inch of rainfall typically fills a 208 litre/55 gallon rain barrel. Collected rainwater can be used for watering your lawn, garden and potted plants. Get rewarded for your water conservation efforts and SAVE money on your next utility bill.

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Save Money Going Paperless! The Town charges \$2 per bill to cover the cost of paper invoices. Sign up to go paperless!
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How Does Your Home Compare?

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Okotoks Average

40

30

20

10



JAN & FEB



MAR & APR



MAY & JUN

m³ = cubic meter