

## News Release



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### **Cowichan region moves to Stage 2 water restrictions for all water systems**

**DUNCAN, BC** – With the Province of British Columbia moving Vancouver Island to Drought Level 3, all water systems in the Cowichan region have moved to Stage 2 water restrictions effective immediately.

Each year on May 1, water systems across the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) collectively implement Stage 1 water restrictions in an effort to conserve water use on residential properties and ensure aquifers and lakes can withstand the increasingly dry summers.

“While we experienced a wet spring and were more fortunate than our previous two summers, the recurring summer drought for eastern Vancouver Island has caught up with us and we now need to begin even more rigorous conservation measures,” said Todd Etherington, Operations Manager for the Water Management Division of the Cowichan Valley Regional District. “We encourage all residents on water systems to review the Stage 2 restrictions and ensure they are doing their part to appropriately manage this resource until our fall rains return and replenish our surface and ground water reservoirs.”

Visit the [New Normal Cowichan](#) website to learn more about the updated stages of water-use restrictions, including a [Water Restrictions Map](#) to find the current stage of restrictions on each water system in the region.

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