



Okanagan Indian Band

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Re: Water Conservation

Dear Band Members:

As you know, water conservation is important every summer; however, this year it is especially important because OKIB is working on a construction project to upgrade the Irish Creek/Head of the Lake and Six Mile/Bradley community water systems.

Due to this construction, and especially considering the higher temperatures we've had, we are asking residents to please follow our water conservation schedule. This schedule is posted at <https://okib.ca/departments/public-works-housing/water-systems-improvement-project> and is updated as needed. Please review this website regularly.

We know that water conservation is a community effort, and we are confident that OKIB members can join together to meet current water conservation needs. Towards this effort, here are some helpful water conservation tips:

- Sweep driveways instead of spraying them with a hose
- Wash cars with a bucket or use a commercial car wash that recycles water
- When using a hose, use a nozzle on the end to control the flow
- Water lawns and gardens in the early morning when evaporation and winds are minimal. The optimal time to water is 7 to 9 a.m.
- Longer and less frequent watering encourages deeper roots and healthier grass, trees and plants
- Keeping your grass longer also encourages deeper roots and grass that is more heat tolerant
- Hand water gardens and small plant shrubs instead of using overhead sprinklers or install drip irrigation
- Defrost frozen food in the fridge overnight instead of using water in the kitchen sink
- Scrape dishes instead of rinsing them when loading the dishwasher.

We thank you for your patience with construction and water conservation. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns to share with us, please reach out to Jolene Vincent, OKIB's Director of Public Works at jolene.vincent@okanagan.org and/or Superintendents Jim Nicholson jnicholson@dawsoncivil.ca and Donat Ladouceur donat.ladouceur@bird.ca.

Sincerely,

Jolene Vincent, Director
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and

Bird Dawson Joint Venture