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Water restriction info consolidated for residents through ‘New Normal’ online resource

Duncan, BC – With summer drought becoming the new normal across the Cowichan region, residents are encouraged to use the New Normal Cowichan website (www.cvrldnewnormalcowichan.ca) as the single reference point for information on water restrictions affecting their home.

Each year from May 1 to October 31, every household in the region moves to Stage 1 water restrictions to conserve water during this increasingly dry season. To make it easier for residents to know what water restrictions impact them, the Cowichan Valley Regional District, its municipal partners and area First Nations are contributing to a single source for up-to-date information. The New Normal Cowichan website offers a wealth of material about drought and water storage levels, tips for reducing consumption, and real-time data including the water restrictions applicable to each home.

“It’s incredibly important to us that people have easy access to information about their water in a way that is simple to interpret and apply,” said Ian Morrison, Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District. “Working together to manage a one-stop, all-inclusive resource is a great example of how partnerships can improve the delivery of services.”

Water restrictions can vary between water systems and jurisdictions as the year goes on. Some water systems or jurisdictions will move to a higher stage of water restrictions earlier than neighbouring communities; therefore, it is recommended that residents check the New Normal Cowichan website frequently to see if the water restrictions for their home have changed.

Check out all the information and tools available to help adapt to a new normal by visiting www.cvrldnewnormalcowichan.ca

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