

RDCO Water Talk

Your Water-wise Information Source



Newest Water System Ready to Go this Fall

It's been a very busy construction summer for all residents along the northern portion of Westside Road and especially those living within the Upper Fintry, Shalal Road and Valley of the Sun subdivisions.

That's because crews have been making incredible progress on the in-ground mains and works for the Regional District's newest water system that will bring treated water to approximately 350 properties in those three areas.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during the construction, which is rapidly winding down as crews are close to completing the final section of mains from the Morden Road pumphouse to Westside Road.

Once construction is complete, flushing and testing of the system will begin.

On successful completion of this work, the system will be commissioned and ready for customers to hook into.

We've already had several dozen inquiries from property owners that are interested in connecting to the new water system.

Please be aware that before any work is started, property owners must first have submitted and received an approved building permit from the Regional District Development Services Department—Inspections Section. This must be done in person, Monday—Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm at the Regional District office, 1450 KLO Road in Kelowna.

You can help the Building Permit approval process by providing verification of an approved septic system for effluent disposal when you apply.

Once the water system has been commissioned and approved for service, a final building inspection is required for connection to the roadside water main.

The cost for a Building Permit is \$150 (\$50 is refund-



Construction crews assemble and install a fire hydrant as part of the new water system to service Upper Fintry, Shalal Road and Valley of the Sun.

able on receiving final inspection approval within two years from the date the permit was issued) and \$640 for the water service and the water meter connections.

CONSERVATION TIPS

- Install water saving aerators and showerheads throughout your home.
- Repair leaky toilets and faucets. Even a minor leak can waste 60-litres of water a day.
- Only run your dishwasher when it is full as it can use up to 88-litres of water per load.
- Use smaller load settings on your clothes washer. If you don't have this feature, only wash full loads of clothing to save water.
- To learn more about water conservation visit regionaldistrict.com/water

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Water System Flushing During October

During the month of October, Regional District Environmental Services staff will be out flushing water mains in each of our five operating systems.

You'll know when they are in your system area, as our notice boards will be set up along the shoulders of main access roads. It's important

to flush water mains periodically to ensure optimum water quality and that water remains within accept Interior Health standards.

Flushing will take place between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm - Monday through Friday.

When flushing is taking

place, water pressure can vary slightly and there may be some slight discoloration in the water. Please check your water prior to use. We recommend that you avoid doing laundry at this time. If you experience discoloration, run the cold water tap until the water runs clear.



Learn more by visiting www.okwaterwise.ca

An initiative of the Okanagan Basin Water Board

**No Water?
Emergency Contacts**

**Monday-Friday
8:00 am—4:00 pm
250-469-6241**

**After Hours/
Holidays
250-868-5299**



A \$400,000 Provincial 'Towns for Tomorrow' grant is funding the half-million dollar upgrade & reservoir expansion for the Killiney Beach Water System. \$100,000 has been allocated from system reserves.

Checking the flow...



...preserving our water

Following the simple steps outlined, will help you see how much water you are using in and around your home. You can use this information to adjust your family's water consumption.

New Online Water Alert Notifications

A new online registration service is available for customers of the Regional District of Central Okanagan water systems.

Residents can visit our website water systems webpage and register to receive a direct email of any future advisories or special notices affecting their water system. This new online service will help us get important messages out directly to customers of the Falcon Ridge, Killiney Beach, Dietrich/Star Place, Sunset Ranch, Westshore and the

new water system that will service the Upper Fintry, Shalal Road and Valley of the Sun subdivisions later this year. Residents just have to go online to regionaldistrict.com/water and they'll see a link to the Water System Notices sign up.

This new service is in addition to our traditional methods of getting information out about water system advisories and notices which includes news releases to the Central Okanagan media, neighbourhood roadside

sign boards and posters and of course updates on our website, regionaldistrict.com.

We hope, that you will take a few minutes to sign up so that if needed in the future, we can get important information directly to your email inbox.

The Regional District water systems service more than 800 customers in the following areas: Killiney Beach, Westshore Estates, Falcon Ridge, Sunset Ranch and Dietrich/Star Place.

Your Water— Project Updates

Killiney Beach Water System—Engineering Services

A detailed review was conducted of the entire water system and recommended upgrades. CTQ Consultants Limited is overseeing the design, tendering and construction phases related to the upgrading of the more than 30 year old system. Some larger watermains are being installed to improve fire flows and dead-end

mains are being looped to improve flows throughout the system. Work should be complete this fall.

Killiney Beach Reservoir Expansion—

Bear Mountain Construction Limited is building a new reservoir next to the existing 75,000-litre one on Udell Road. The total capacity will be 300,000-litres to meet present and future demand on the Killiney

Beach water system. Completion scheduled for fall.

Water Rate Review

A consultant is drafting possible options for a utility rate design to ensure future operations, maintenance and capital upgrade requirements for all Regional District utilities and water systems. It's anticipated that a report will be presented for Regional Board consideration later this year.

Check Your Water Consumption...it's easy!

Here's how you can check your water consumption on your in-home water meter!

1. Shine a flashlight over the flashlight icon (located on the register) to activate the LCD display *
2. Take a reading at a set time of the day
3. Take a 2nd reading at the same time the next day
4. The difference between

the two readings is your daily water consumption

* Note: when the register display is first activated via a flashlight, all icons will be briefly displayed followed by firmware information. The register display will then toggle (every 4 seconds) displaying the reading and then the flow rate. The flow rate is per minute. When the display indicates "RATE"

the flow rate is being displayed.

You should keep an eye on the water portion of your quarterly utility bill.

It shows the previous reading, the current reading and the amount of water your family has used (in cubic meters) during the past three month period .