



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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District of Ucluelet

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UCLUELET – Recent warm weather conditions and Provincial forecasts have shown indications of an increase in drought conditions for the West Coast of Vancouver Island this year. The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) has elevated the **Provincial Drought Level to a Level 2**, effective July 6, 2017 for the West Coast Region.

The District of Ucluelet's two water supplies will be impacted by this forecasted prediction. District staff have been monitoring ground water tables and creek flow levels at the community's two water sources, and while the wet winter has increased levels at our wells, the current extended period of dry weather is impacting our Mercantile Creek flows.

Water restrictions will come into effect this year to maintain fire flows and system demands. As a pro-active approach, District of Ucluelet staff are asking visitors and residents to conserve water as much as possible to limit the level of water restrictions this year.

Here is some of the ways you can reduce consumption:

1. Replace older model toilets with a low-flow model.
2. Daily showers instead of baths can save up to 40,000 liters per year.
3. Don't run the hose while washing the car and your surf gear!
4. Check faucets and pipes for leaks and drips.
5. Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth and shaving.

These conservation practises also help reduce your water bills while ensuring our community water supply is maintained.

The District of Ucluelet thanks you for supporting water conservation in our community.

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