



# NOTICE TO ALL NARAMATA IRRIGATION CUSTOMERS

## IRRIGATION TURN-OFF

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Public Works crew will commence fall irrigation turn-off the week of:

**October 21, 2024**

**Please take the necessary precautions to winterize your private system.**

While this notice is for those with separate irrigation connections, it is also a great time for homeowners to check the Pressure Reducing Valves (PRVs) inside their homes and/or on their irrigation systems in high-pressure areas to check they are working correctly or need replacing.

- PRVs help protect plumbing fixtures from damage or breaks that may cause wasteful leaks
- Life expectancy for PRVs is approximately 10 years
- Signs of high-pressure can be:
  - Banging heard in pipes (water hammer)
  - Water spitting out of faucets, worn washers, and intermittent toilet 'hiss'

To protect and prevent your backflow prevention device from freezing, the RDOS suggests draining equipment after turn-off and either covering or ideally removing the device for storage. High-pressure blow-outs can cause damage to the backflow preventer and should not be used.

For more information, or to request an alternate irrigation turn-off date, please contact RDOS Public Works at 250-490-4135 or email [utilities@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:utilities@rdos.bc.ca) before Thursday, October 17, 2024.

For after-hours water emergencies, please call RDOS Regional Dispatch at 250-490-4141.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

**RDOS Public Works Division, October 9, 2024**