



# TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK POLICY



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<b>Title: Water Stewardship Policy</b>	

## **Policy Statement**

The Town of Pincher Creek, in proactively addressing long-term imbalances of water demand and availability, and as committed members of both the Oldman Watershed Council and the Pincher Creek Watershed group will provide guidelines for water stewardship for drought and water scarcity events.

### **1. Definitions:**

- 1.1 “**Council**” shall mean the Council for the Town of Pincher Creek, in the Province of Alberta.
- 1.2 “**CAO**” shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Pincher Creek, in the Province of Alberta.
- 1.3 “**Director of Operations**” shall mean the person appointed by the Town of Pincher Creek as the Director of Operations.
- 1.4 “**Water Shortage**” shall refer to any condition, which results in or has potential to result in depletion of water resources.
- 1.5 “**Water Conservation**” shall refer to the willing act of mindfully utilizing water with the intention of reducing total consumption so as to prevent depletion of water stores.
- 1.5 “**Water Restriction**” shall refer to the mandatory limiting of available water usage and/or the limitation of function water may be used for.
- 1.6 “**Commercial Users**” shall refer to any usage with the intention and/or potential to yield a profit.
- 1.7 “**Private Users**” shall refer to personal use without the intention and/or potential to yield a profit.
- 1.9 “**Water Sharing**” shall refer to any large scale water usage and/or access to water on behalf of the Town of Pincher Creek’s water license.

### **2. Responsibilities:**

- 2.1 **CAO**
  - 2.1.1 To ensure that this policy is adhered to.

## **2.3 Director of Operations**

- 2.3.1** Will ensure that the Operations Department follows the priorities set within this policy.
- 2.3.2** Will be responsible to monitor conditions and assess the potential for water shortage.
- 2.3.3** Will initiate the appropriate corresponding conservation/restriction measures for the conditions in conjunction with any Federal or Provincial guidelines and/or communications.

## **3. Procedures**

- 3.2** All conservation/restriction measures being implemented by the Town of Pincher Creek will be communicated on the Town's official website and will be posted on officially verified Town of Pincher Creek social media.

## **4. Water Restriction Stages and Associated Consumption Guidelines**

### **4.1 Stage 1 – Voluntary Water Conservation**

- 4.1.1** – Watering with sprinkler/irrigation system (lawn, garden, trees or shrubs etc.)  
*At the consumers' discretion*
- 4.1.2** – Watering with a spring-loaded nozzle with automatic shut-off, connected to a hose (garden, trees or shrubs etc.)  
*At the consumers' discretion*
- 4.1.3** - Watering with a hand –held container (gardens, trees or shrubs etc.)  
*At the consumers' discretion*
- 4.1.4** - Watering of new grass (sod within 21 days, seed within 45 days)  
*At the consumers' discretion*
- 4.1.5** - Private & Commercial outdoor impermeable surface washing (exterior building surfaces, driveways, walkways, etc.)  
*At the consumers' discretion*
- 4.1.6** - Private & Commercial pressure washing (car washes etc.)  
*At the consumers' discretion*
- 4.1.7** - Using water for filling (outdoor decorative features, fountains, etc.)  
*At the consumers' discretion*
- 4.1.8** - Using water for filling (swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, etc.)  
*At the consumers' discretion*
- 4.1.9** - Using water for construction purposes (grading, compaction, dust control, etc.)  
*At the consumers' discretion*
- 4.1.10** –Water sharing  
*At the discretion of the Council*

### **4.2 Stage 2 – Mandatory Water Restriction**

- 4.2.1** – Watering with sprinkler/irrigation system (lawn, garden, trees or shrubs etc.)  
*Watering times - 6am - 10am & 7pm - 11pm*  
*Even-numbered addresses - Wednesdays Only*  
*Odd-numbered addresses - Thursdays Only*
- 4.2.2** – Watering with a watering can for flowers only.  
*Watering times - 6am - 10am & 7pm - 11pm*  
*Even-numbered addresses - Wednesdays Only*  
*Odd-numbered addresses - Thursdays Only*

- 4.2.3 - Watering with a hand –held container (gardens, trees or shrubs etc.)  
*Allowed*
- 4.2.4 - Watering of new grass (sod within 21 days, seed within 45 days)  
*Watering times - 6am - 10am & 7pm - 11pm*  
*Even-numbered addresses - Wednesdays Only*  
*Odd-numbered addresses - Thursdays Only*
- 4.2.5 - Private & Commercial outdoor impermeable surface washing (exterior building surfaces, driveways, walkways, etc.)  
*Only for health and safety purposes or to prepare for painting or similar treatment. Washing for aesthetic purposes is prohibited*
- 4.2.6 - Private & Commercial pressure washing (car washes etc.)  
*Allowed*
- 4.2.7 - Using water for filling (outdoor decorative features, fountains, etc.)  
*Not allowed*
- 4.2.8 - Using water for filling (swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, etc.)  
*Discretionary*
- 4.2.9 - Using water for construction purposes (grading, compaction, dust control, etc.)  
*Discretionary*
- 4.2.10 - Water sharing  
*At the discretion of the Council*

#### **4.3 Stage 3 – Mandatory Water Restriction**

- 4.3.1 – Watering with sprinkler/irrigation system (lawn, garden, trees or shrubs etc.)  
*Not allowed*
- 4.3.2 – Watering with a watering can for flowers only.  
*Watering times - 6am - 10am & 7pm - 11pm*  
*Even-numbered addresses - Wednesdays Only*  
*Odd-numbered addresses - Thursdays Only*
- 4.3.3 - Watering with a hand –held container (gardens, trees or shrubs etc.)  
*Allowed*
- 4.3.4 - Watering of new grass (sod within 21 days, seed within 45 days)  
*Watering times - 6am - 10am & 7pm - 11pm*  
*Even-numbered addresses - Wednesdays Only*  
*Odd-numbered addresses - Thursdays Only*
- 4.3.5 - Private & Commercial outdoor impermeable surface washing (exterior building surfaces, driveways, walkways, etc.)  
*All forms of hosing of outdoor surfaces are prohibited unless ordered by a regulatory authority for health and safety reasons (i.e. public health inspector or WCB etc.)*
- 4.3.6 - Private & Commercial pressure washing (car washes etc.)  
*Private use - Not allowed*  
*Commercial use - Allowed*
- 4.3.7 - Using water for filling (outdoor decorative features, fountains, etc.)  
*Not allowed*
- 4.3.8 - Using water for filling (swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, etc.)  
*Not allowed*
- 4.3.9 - Using water for construction purposes (grading, compaction, dust control, etc.)  
*Not allowed*
- 4.3.10 - Water sharing  
*At the discretion of the Council*

**4.4 Stage 4 – Mandatory Water Restriction**

**4.4.1** – Watering with sprinkler/irrigation system (lawn, garden, trees or shrubs etc.)

*Not allowed*

**4.4.2** – Watering with a watering can for flowers only.

*Not allowed*

**4.4.3** - Watering with a hand –held container (gardens, trees or shrubs etc.)

*Not allowed*

**4.4.4** - Watering of new grass (sod within 21 days, seed within 45 days)

*Not allowed*

**4.4.5** - Private & Commercial outdoor impermeable surface washing (exterior building surfaces, driveways, walkways, etc.)

*All forms of hosing of outdoor surfaces are prohibited unless ordered by a regulatory authority for health and safety reasons (i.e. public health inspector or WCB etc.)*

**4.4.6** - Private & Commercial pressure washing (car washes etc.)

*All forms of hosing of outdoor surfaces are prohibited unless ordered by a regulatory authority for health and safety reasons (i.e. public health inspector or WCB etc.)*

**4.4.7** - Using water for filling (outdoor decorative features, fountains, etc.)

*Not allowed*

**4.4.8** - Using water for filling (swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, etc.)

*Not allowed*

**4.4.9** - Using water for construction purposes (grading, compaction, dust control, etc.)

*Not allowed*

**4.4.10** - Water sharing

*At the discretion of the Council*

**4.5 All other water usage** - at the discretion of the Director of Operations.

**5. End of Policy**