

News From Bowser Waterworks District

Watering Restrictions

Unless conditions require it, the Bowser Waterworks District stays at Stage 2 from May through September. To check for stage definitions and what stage the Bowser Waterworks District is on, visit:

<http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=3661>

and choose Bowser Waterworks District from the selection drop-down.

Thank you in advance for your participation. This watering restriction policy will be in place each year until modifications are required.

Increasing Volumes

The number of connections on our system increases slowly each year and the first quarter of this year is no exception. With new consumers we always anticipate an increase in our water delivery volumes. However, recently the change in volume, as compared to last year, is higher than anticipated. We monitor graphs such as the one below to look for delivery trends. Many variables affect these numbers, including weather, travel, visitors, etc. Unfortunately, leaks are also a frequent source of volume increases. Please be on the lookout for leaks. Thank you.

How do you compare?

Some comparison numbers for this invoice period:

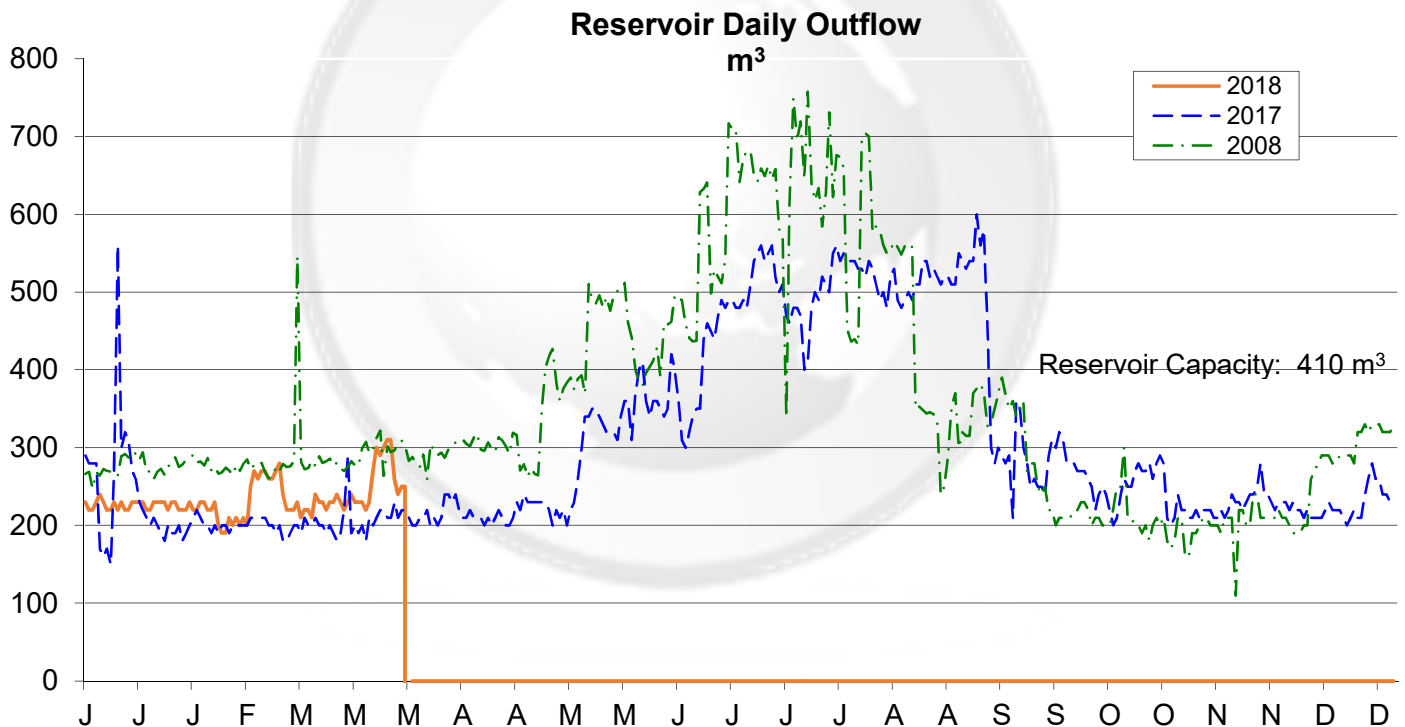
- 77 % of all households used less than 40 m³
- 12 % used between 40 and 70 m³
- 3 % used between 70 and 100 m³
- 7 % used above 100 m³

AGM on Tuesday, April 24

Just a reminder, the Bowser Waterworks District Annual General Meeting, is Tuesday, April 24 at the Lighthouse Community Centre. Registration is at 7:00 pm and the meeting starts at 7:30 pm. There are two Trustee seats up for election. Hope to see you there!

Pre-Authorized Payments

If you wish to sign up for pre-authorized payments for your accounts, please request the sign-up forms from the office. Forms can also be emailed, if desired, by requesting them via email. Our email address is shown at the bottom of the newsletter.



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Water Tolls

- Water bills are issued quarterly at a rate of \$54. Bills are issued in January, April, July & October.
- Water meters, usually located near the corner of your property, are read quarterly, prior to billing.
- Quarterly water allowance is 40 cubic meters.
- Water usage over this allowance is billed at a rate that increases at several tiers. The first tier is \$0.90 per cubic meter.
- Water tolls are used to operate and maintain the waterworks.

Tampering with the Water System

This is a reminder that all components up to and including the meter are the responsibility of the Water District. If you need something done that requires accessing that part of your connection, please contact the Bowser Waterworks District (BWD) to coordinate your activities. It is an offence, under the Offence Act, for anyone other than the BWD to tamper with the components belonging to the Water District. Tampering includes, but is not limited to, turning on or off a connection using the valve in the meter box, attaching anything to the meter connection points of the setters, or otherwise accessing any part of the public system. For those people who wish to turn off their water while they are not in residence, the BWD recommends putting in your own line valve in a box on your side of the meter.

Parcel Tax – Annual

- Billed around May/June and due July/August.
- Parcel tax rate for 2018 is \$290.
- Parcel Tax is put aside to fund renewal of the existing waterworks infrastructure.



Be a leak detector!

Be a leak detector! Check all your taps, pipes and toilets for leaks. If you find a leak, fix it immediately. Leaks can waste 14% of all the water we use in our home.

Some Online Resources about Water

Rainwater Harvesting Incentive Program FAQ: <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=2500>

Environment Canada: Water and the Environment: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/eau-water/>

RDN: Water in the RDN: <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=1748>