



Shuswap Lake
ESTATES

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Shuswap Lake Estates Water Restrictions

To maintain consistency throughout the area, Shuswap Lake Estates has adopted the same outdoor water restrictions as the CSRD.

We are at Stage 1 restrictions at this time. These restrictions will be enforced and fines will be levied against repeat offenders in accordance with our water tariff.

It is important to note that water restrictions are not a function of the level of Shuswap Lake or the volume of water in the lake. Water restrictions are a function of treatment plant and pumping capacity as we need to ensure adequate volume is maintained in our reservoirs for fire fighting needs.

Water demand in the spring and summer months is up to 6 times greater than during winter months.

Water conservation measures are encouraged such as xeriscape landscaping, collecting rainwater and snow melt using barrels and fixing any leaky faucets, toilets or irrigation systems.

Water-use restrictions permit outdoor use on designated days of the week, depending on the number of your street address, for a MAXIMUM of 3 HOURS as follows: ➡

- | | Water Use Schedule | 3 Days/Week |
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| • No irrigation between 10 AM and 6 PM to minimize evaporation. | Odd numbered address | Tue, Thu, Sat |
| • Preferred time for automatic systems is between 12 AM and 6 AM to reduce peak demand. | Even numbered address | Wed, Fri, Sun |
| • Avoid watering food producing plants between the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM to minimize evaporation. | | |
| • Water use for non-irrigation purposes is discretionary and can be done when required. Please minimize frequency and conserve water wherever possible. | | |

Much of the BC Interior is experiencing drought-like conditions this summer, and the Shuswap Lake Estates community is no exception. With hot temperatures and reduced rainfall, local water sources are under increased pressure. To help ensure reliable service for everyone, we are asking residents to be mindful of their water use over the coming months.

Simple steps can make a meaningful difference: limit lawn watering, avoid washing vehicles at home, fix dripping taps or running toilets, and reduce non-essential outdoor water use wherever possible. Even small changes, when adopted across the community, help protect our water supply and support the long-term sustainability of our system. We appreciate everyone's efforts to conserve water and thank you for supporting the long-term sustainability of the Shuswap Lake Estates water system.

Roof Top Sprinkler System

With the return of hot, dry summer weather, we are seeing an increased number of residents installing rooftop sprinklers as part of their wildfire preparedness. Shuswap Lake Estates recognizes that rooftop sprinklers can provide a protective benefit for homes located next to forested areas. At the same time, it is essential that adequate water supply remains available for firefighting efforts during an emergency such as a wildfire. Residents should be aware that, if necessary, Shuswap Lake Estates may temporarily shut off water service to individual properties as water may need to be reserved for fire protection efforts.

Restrictive Covenants

A Reminder to all Shuswap Lake Estates residents. There are Restrictive Covenants on the Title of your home.

You should have received a copy of such from your Realtor or Lawyer when you purchased your home.

The main reason for these covenants is to maintain the aesthetic quality of all properties within Shuswap Lake Estates.

When your home plan was approved for construction, some of the concerns are how it will fit into the immediate area, making sure it is not blocking the views from existing homes, or the height of the structure.

There are also restrictions on fencing and use of the dwelling. "No building or part thereof shall be used for a boarding house, rooming house, Airbnb, restaurant, bar, shop or place of trade or business without the approval in writing from Shuswap Lake Estates Ltd."

Regarding RV's, Trailers, Motor Vehicles, Amphibious Vehicles, Mobile Homes, Utility Trailers or House Trailers, our office is experiencing a number of calls from your neighbours to enforce the Restrictive Covenants. Call the office if you need an RV Storage space, 250 675 2523.

SLE Sewer System – Future Rate Adjustment

We would like to advise customers who are on our sewer system that sewer rates are expected to increase in early 2027 due to rising operational costs and higher expenses associated with requirements of the Ministry of Environment. While the final amount has not yet been determined, the anticipated increase is approximately \$5 per month for a standard household and is anticipated to take effect for the February 1 to April 30, 2027 billing period.

This adjustment would represent only the second rate increase in nearly a decade, reflecting our long-standing effort to maintain stable and affordable sewer service for Shuswap Lake Estates residents. We appreciate your understanding as we continue to operate and maintain the sewer system responsibly and sustainably.

SLE Water System – Upcoming Tariff Amendment

We have begun the process of amending our water tariff with the Comptroller of Water Rights, and additional details are included with this billing cycle. The proposed amendment includes an increase to quarterly water rates to address rising operational costs and to strengthen the annual reserve fund dedicated to future replacement works. If approved, the new rates are expected to take effect in early 2027.

We remain committed to keeping costs as low as possible. Shuswap Lake Estates has not implemented a rate increase in more than four years, maintaining stable rates since mid-2022, despite a period of significant inflation. Even with the proposed adjustment, our utility continues to deliver high-quality drinking water at approximately 20% lower cost than other water providers in the South Shuswap – saving most households hundreds of dollars each year.

We appreciate your understanding as we work to ensure long-term reliability and sustainability of the water system.



Blind Bay Body Works

Wellness Collective is a locally owned multidisciplinary wellness clinic offering Registered Massage Therapy, Acupuncture, Kinesiology, Osteopathy, Nutritional Practitioner, and Clinical Counselling. We provide direct billing to most extended health plans and offer ICBC-approved treatment to help you move better, feel better, and live well.
250-614-9886

The Traxx Excavating sign at the corner of Balmoral Rd and Lake Mount Place has made me smile every time I drive by, through every holiday. They have decorated for Halloween, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day, Easter and Canada Day. What a great way to advertise your business. Sometimes you will also find a Lemonade stand & Girl Guide Cookie sales. Great business and a great addition to the area. Call Mac for any work you need, 250 803 2008



The GT Dragon Boat Society has started their 2026 paddling season. The Society commenced operation in 2012 and paddle 2 - 3 times per week. They participate in Dragon Boat Festivals throughout BC. If you would like to donate or have any questions, please send an email to gtdragonboatsociety@gmail.com or by phone at 604 835 1883. Shuswap Lake Estates is a proud supporter of the GT Dragon Boat Society.

Summer Water Pressure

During the summer months, some customers may notice lower water pressure at their homes. While this can feel like a system-wide issue, our monitoring shows that water pressure within the Shuswap Lake Estates water mains remains normal, as confirmed through hydrant testing. The pressure drop occurs between the watermain and individual homes. Because Blind Bay is a hillside community, properties at higher elevations within each pressure zone may notice these effects more strongly.

The most common reason for a pressure drop at individual homes is high seasonal demand on the customers side of the service line. Each home is connected to the water main through a small-diameter service line that is designed to deliver normal household flow. When summer activities such as lawn irrigation, pool filling, or heavy outdoor watering occur, the flow through these smaller pipes increases significantly. At higher flow rates, friction inside the service line causes a pressure drop before the water reaches the home. In other words, the water main may still be at full pressure, but the pressure available at the house can fall simply because the service line is being asked to deliver more water. Another contributing factor is that many water services in SLE are shared between two properties, so household pressure can also be affected if a neighbour is using a large amount of water.

Every home has a pressure-reducing valve (PRV) inside the home. These valves typically last 10–20 years, but performance can decline earlier due to mineral buildup or wear. An aging or partially clogged PRV can make summer pressure drops more noticeable, so SLE recommends homeowners service or replace their PRVs, as this is the most common fix for low household water pressure.

Another common household factor is clogged faucet aerators or screens. Mineral buildup or debris can restrict flow at individual fixtures, making it seem like the whole house has low pressure. Cleaning these screens takes only a few minutes and often restores normal flow.

To help maintain steady pressure during summer use, homeowners can:

- Inspect or replace older PRV's
- Clean faucet aerators and shower screens
- Only run irrigation during times when indoor water use is low
- Adjusting sprinkler heads to lower-flow models

By managing peak demand at the property level, most customers can significantly reduce or eliminate household pressure drops during the summer.

Roadside Mowing, Weed Control, and Road Maintenance in Shuswap Lake Estates

We continue to receive questions about roadside weeds, mowing, and general road maintenance within Shuswap Lake Estates. It's important for residents to know that these activities are not the responsibility of Shuswap Lake Estates. All maintenance of public roads - including mowing, brush clearing, weed control, street sweeping, and winter plowing is handled by the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) through its contracted road maintenance provider, AIM Roads.

If you have concerns about overgrown weeds, visibility issues, hazardous roadside conditions, or road maintenance needs, please report them directly to AIM Roads or MOTT. Direct reporting ensures issues are logged, prioritized, and addressed by the agencies responsible for public road safety.

AIM Roads – Service Request

Phone: 1-866-222-4204

Online: <https://aim-roads.ca/service-request/>

Email: aimcommunications.ca@acciona.com

Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT)

Vernon Area Office: 250-712-3660

Thank you for helping keep Shuswap Lake Estates safe by directing road-related maintenance concerns to the appropriate agencies.

Fun Fact There is about 41km of watermain within Shuswap Lake Estates. This is just the mainlines and does not include the smaller diameter service connections that go to each property. 41km of watermain length is equivalent to driving from Blind Bay to halfway to Kamloops!



Businesses at Shuswap Lake Estates
If you would like to add your SLE business contact
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Advantage Roofing	New Roof or Roof Replacing	Corey	250 253 7663
Angel Arts Mobile Hair	Mobile Hair & Make-up Services	Angela	778 231 3201
Aria Medi-Spa & Laser	Medi-Spa	Laine	250 675 5568
Avon Canada	Avon Products in Blind Bay	Mona	604 970 6078
Backroad Gravel	Gravel Products	Darcy	250 517 9686
Bayside Marina & Grill	Marina, Restaurant, Boat & Seadoo Rentals	Marla	250 675 2515
Blindspot Audio Production	Audio Engineering, Recording, Sound Mixing, Video's	Steve	403 617 4500
Blind Bay Billy	Red Seal Residential & Commercial Painter	Bill	604 831 3179
Blind Bay Body Works	Wellness Collective	Kaitlin	250-614-9886
Brian O'Keefe Golf Services	Club Repair, Regripping & Fitting, Golf Lessons,	Brian	778 220 2863
Build It	General Construction, Framing, Exterior Renos	Beau	250 463 1538
Century 21 Lakeside Realty	Home & Property Sales & Listings	Kevin	250 833 8965
Chalk Couture	High End DIY Home Decor	Christine	250 571 7418
City Door Master	Locksmith/Doorsmith	Lance	604 618 3667
Cork N Cap U-Brew	Wine making supplies and U-Vin Shop	Kirsten	250 675 3400
DaVinci Custom Home Reno's	"Perfection is Art"	Mehdi	778.239.9737
Goodness Blind Bay Health Foods	Supplements, Health Foods, Beauty & Wellness, Bulk,	Cheryl	250 675 2828
Hub International	Home, Condo, Tenant, Seasonal, Rental Insurance	Leona	778 283 9485
Johns Pampered Pets	Pet Supplies & Doggy Day Care	John	250 675 4401
K.L.S. Projects	Custom Home Builder & Renovations	Brian	604 970 8242
Lavish Lashes	Eyelash Extensions	Brandy	250 463 1980
Lindy's Boutique	Trendy, Affordable Women's Fashion	Linda	778 490 5113
Little River Framing Studio	Custom Picture Framing	Ruth	250 675 5469
Shuswap Concierge	Auto & Boat Detail, Snow Removal, House Watch	Colin	250 253 2491
Rae Hair Studio	Hair Colour & Cut Services	Rachel	604 353 6082
ReMax Shuswap	Real Estate Sales & Listings	Paul	250 253 2387
Ridgeback Earthworks	Landscaping Excavating, Equipment Rentals	Jory	250 253 8473
RBC Chase Branch	Branch Manager	Steven	778 694 0353
Royal LePage Access Realty	Home & Property Sales & Listings	Jeff	250 253 7991
RPS Earthworks	Heavy Machine Operator	Ryan	778 628 0187
Proper Plumbing & Heating	Plumbing & Heating	Trevor	250 515 1233
Shantz Real Estate	Home & Property Sales & Listings	Caroline	250 517 0391
Smash Plumbing & Gas fitting	Plumbing and Gas fitting	Shawn	250 253 7803
Spinnaker Café	Breakfast, Lunch & Thurs, Fri, Sat Eve Dinner	Kirsten	250 675 2238
SJO Renovations	Home Renovations & Repairs	Mark	250 675 3820
Taleen Pileggi Photography	Professional Photographer	Taleen	416 677 7310
Torrez.ca Creative	Graphic Designer, Illustrator, Pyrographer	Cori	780 803 9914
Traxx Excavating	Land Clearing, Lot prep, Trenching	Mac	250 803 2008
Rancher's Pizza & Bar	Restaurant, Pizza & Beer	Call	778 490 0066
Timber	Fine Dining, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	Call	778 490 5051
Twin Shears Hair Design	Simone 604 908 6305	Suzanne	250 878 5300
Wedding Diy Rentals	Wedding Décor for Rent	Iris	250 718 3941