

Stage 1 water restriction lifted *Contamination cleanup completed*

Friday, August 12, 2022: Update

Stage 1 water restrictions have been lifted. The cleanup of the Central Station Reservoir has been completed and the reservoir is back in operation.

The City and Aquatera would like to thank residents for their patience and co-operation during this process.

Wednesday, August 3, 2022: Update

The city continues to be under Stage 1 water restrictions. Please familiarize yourself with these restrictions and act accordingly.

Engineering reports were filed with Aquatera on July 29 and — barring complications — the utility company anticipates cleanup and final testing to be completed by Friday, August 5. City water continues to be safe for consumption. The initial contamination was caused by a small diesel spill on July 14. The diesel was contained to the Central Station reservoir and never made it into the distribution system. Aquatera performed several water sample tests from various sites throughout the city following the incident; all tests came back negative for the contaminating agent.

Updates will be provided by the City through the City's website and official social media channels.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022: Update

Stage 1 water restrictions are still in effect. Engineers have assessed the reservoir and will have a cleanup plan in place as soon as possible. Updates will now be made as information becomes available.

Updates will be provided by the City through the City's website and social media channels.

Wednesday, July 20, 2022: Update

Stage 1 water restrictions are still in effect. An update will be provided on or before Monday, July 25, 2022, by 4 p.m.

Updates will be provided by the City through the City's website and social media channels.

Monday, July 18, 2022: Update

Stage 1 water restrictions continue to be in effect. An update will be provided on or before Wednesday, July 20, 2022, by 4 p.m.

Updates will be provided by the City through the City's website and social media channels.

Friday, July 15, 2022: Update

Stage 1 water restrictions will continue throughout the weekend. An update will be provided on or before Monday, July 18, 2022, by 4 p.m.



Updates will be provided by the City through the City’s website and social media channels.

Thursday, July 14, 2022: Initial Release

Thursday, July 14, 2022 (Wetaskiwin, Alberta) — Due to contamination discovered in the Central Station reservoir the morning of July 14, 2022, a Stage 1 water restriction is in effect immediately. Central Station has been isolated from the water distribution system to ensure the City’s water supply remains safe for consumption.

This contamination was quickly addressed by Aquatera personnel, and it is anticipated the water restriction will only be required for a short amount of time.

To reduce strain on the remaining operational reservoir (Garden Meadows) while this contamination is being addressed, residents are asked to follow Stage 1 water restriction guidelines until further notice.

Stage 1 Water Restriction Guidelines	
Watering Activities	Stage 1 Restrictions
Residential Lawn Watering	Even-numbered addresses: Wednesdays and Saturdays between 4 a.m. – 9 a.m. Odd-numbered addresses: Thursdays and Sundays between 4 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Non-Residential Lawn Watering	Even-numbered addresses: Mondays and Thursdays between 1 a.m. – 6 a.m. Odd-numbered addresses: Thursdays and Fridays between 1 a.m. – 6 a.m.
Shrubs, Plants, Trees	Both residential and non-residential can water any day of the week, however, watering can only occur between 4 a.m. – 9 a.m. or 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. Watering with a spring-loaded shut-off nozzle can occur anytime
Vegetable Gardens	Water any time (no change)
Car, Boat, & House Washing	Even-numbered addresses: Wednesdays and Saturdays Odd-numbered addresses: Thursdays and Sundays Watering with a spring-loaded shut-off nozzle can occur anytime
Surface & Power Washing	Even-numbered addresses: Wednesdays and Saturdays Odd-numbered addresses: Thursdays and Sundays Watering with a spring-loaded shut-off nozzle can occur anytime

This incident has been reported to Alberta Environment & Parks, and all City-supplied water remains safe for consumption. An update will be provided by the City on or before 4 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022 through the City’s website and social media channels.





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