

# News From Bowser Waterworks District

## Two Bills in One Envelope!!!!!!!

- This envelope contains both your annual parcel tax bill and your quarterly water bill. Please note the due dates.
- Combined mailings like this save the District over \$400 so we will carry on the practice.

## Cleansing the Water Main with Chlorine

Although we flush our pipes regularly, occasionally a trace amount of organic matter can find its way in to the system. During the hot summer months the water warms up and becomes a vibrant growth medium. Therefore, we need to occasionally give our system a brief flush with chlorine to eradicate any potential growth and keep things clean and safe.

During these flushes, you may detect a faint chlorine smell or taste. Although we keep the amounts very low, we do have to reach a concentration that is detectable for the process to be effective. Thank you for your understanding.

## How do you compare?

Some comparison numbers for this invoice period:

- 42 % of all households used less than 40 m<sup>3</sup>
- 30 % used between 40 and 70 m<sup>3</sup>
- 10 % used between 70 and 100 m<sup>3</sup>
- 18 % used above 100 m<sup>3</sup>



### **Keep drinking water in the fridge.**

Keep a container of drinking water in the refrigerator. Running the tap to cool water for drinking loses 12 litres per minute.

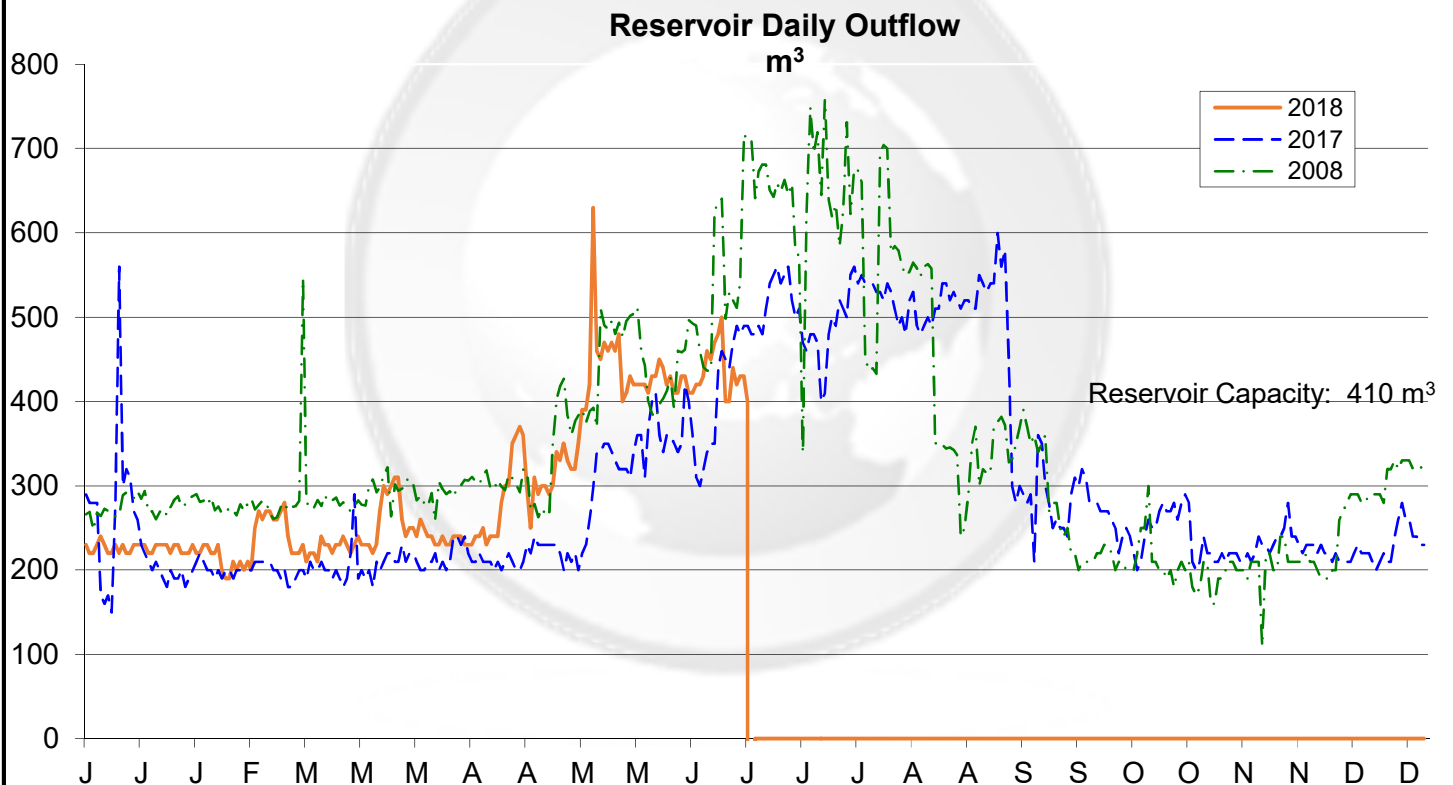


### **Sweep instead.**

Don't hose down your sidewalk, patio or driveway with water. Use a broom or rake for cleaning, and save hundreds of gallons of water.

## Watering Restrictions

Stage 2 watering restrictions remain in effect.



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## Please continue to be conservative

It is important not to get complacent about our water usage. The next three months are always our driest and it is during this period that it is most important that we do not waste water.

## Checking for Leaks

Anyone who is interested in checking to see if they have a leak on their side of the meter, which can be extremely costly if not located or detected, can check this by following these procedures:

- Make sure every tap on your side of the meter is closed
- Lift the lid on the meter box and record the numbers shown along the bottom of the meter (the smaller numbers at the top show a “flow” reading – you want the used reading)
- Recheck the meter after a minimum delay of half an hour during which no water is used – compare the numbers to what you recorded at the start. No change means you should be leak free

Thank you.



**Drive dirty.**

Washing the car uses 500 litres (130 gallons) of water!

Turn the hose off while you swab the car.

## 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.



**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>