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2025 Drought Bulletin

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Drought Conditions Improve

As of August 21, 2025, thanks to recent rainfall and cooler temperatures, the province has dropped the Okanagan to **Drought Level 0** for this week.

This improvement in conditions is encouraging but summer is not yet over. The risk of high heat remains, and elevated river temperatures continue to pose a serious threat to fish populations, despite normal precipitation values earlier this month.

Despite improving conditions in the Okanagan, neighbouring regions like the Nicola and Similkameen Valleys remain at **Drought Level 3** and **4**, respectively.

Forecasts for next week show very little to no precipitation and increased temperatures, which will likely worsen conditions once again. It is, therefore, crucial that we all continue to practice water conservation. We're entering a pivotal time for both farmers and fish migration, and water is the most important piece for their success.

Preserving water makes a big difference and also allows local governments, provincial staff, local First Nations and others to continue to work together to improve and monitor conditions valley wide.

As always, **your local watering restrictions** are the most important indicator of how your local watershed is performing. Following these restrictions is the most important thing you can do for yourself and your neighbours.



Municipalities are adjusting watering restrictions so check yours today!

Due to varying conditions across the Okanagan, many municipalities are adjusting their watering restrictions. It is essential to check for accurate, locally relevant information.

Your local water supplier is the best source for guidance on how to conserve water for homes, agriculture, aquatic life, and firefighting in your area.

Don't get caught off guard! We've provided the current conditions of several local communities in the Okanagan below.

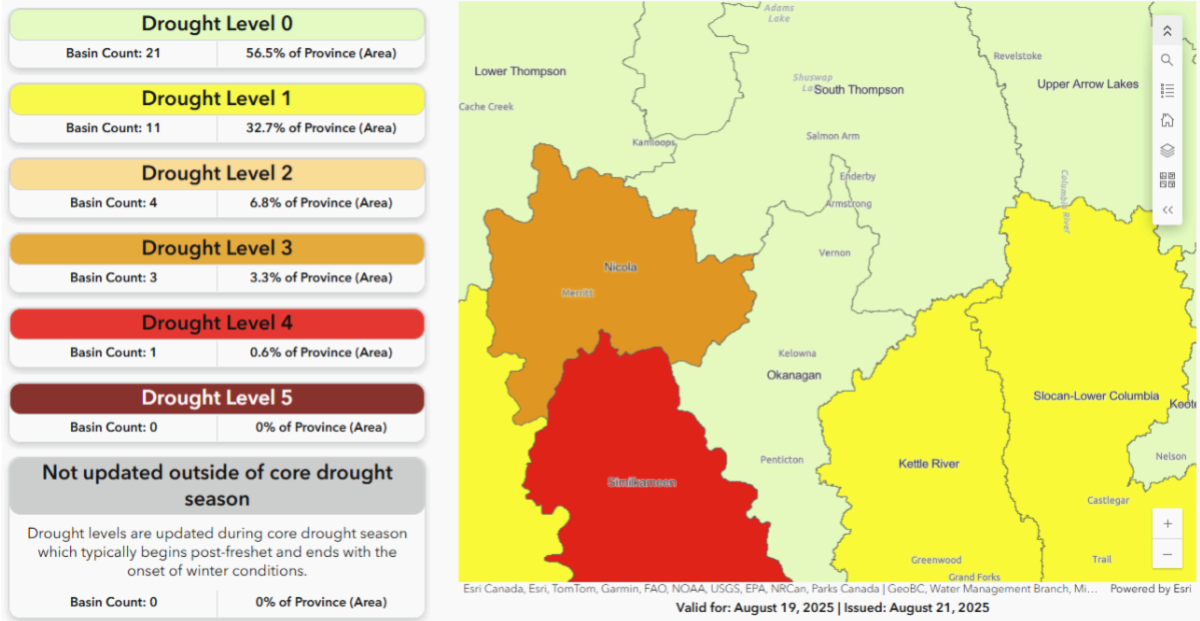
- If your community isn't listed below, you can find a full list of water providers in the Okanagan at [MakeWaterWork.ca](https://www.makewaterwork.ca).

Location	Current watering restrictions	Learn more
Greater Vernon Area	Normal — Up to 3 days a week as per your address, no watering on Sundays, no sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.	Visit the Greater Vernon Water Restrictions page here.
Kelowna	Normal — Up to 3 days a week as per your address, no watering on Mondays, no sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.	Visit the City of Kelowna Water Restrictions page here.
Lake Country	Stage 1 — Up to 3 days a week, no sprinklers between 6 a.m. and midnight.	Visit the District of Lake Country's Water Conservation Page here.
West Kelowna	Stage 2 — Even numbered addresses water Saturday and Tuesday, odd numbered addresses water Sunday and Wednesday, only water between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.	Visit the City of West Kelowna's Watering Regulations and Conservation Page here.
Peachland	Stage 2 — Even numbered addresses water Saturday and Tuesday, odd numbered addresses water Sunday and Wednesday, no watering between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.	Visit the District of Peachland's Conserving Water Page here.
Summerland	Stage 2 — 2 days a week determined by your address, no watering on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays, no sprinklers between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.	Visit the District of Summerland's Water Restrictions page here.
Penticton	Stage 1 — Up to 3 days a week as per your address, no watering on Mondays, no sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.	Visit the City of Penticton's Water Restrictions page here.
Osoyoos	Stage 2 — 2 days a week determined by your zone location, no watering on	Visit the City of Osoyoos Water Restrictions page here.

	Saturdays, no sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.	
RDNO	Varied stages depending on the Water Utility, please visit the link to learn more.	Visit the RDNO's Water Restrictions page here.
RDCO	Stage 3 — Even numbered addresses water Saturdays only, odd numbered addresses water Sundays only, only water between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m.	Visit the RDCO's Water Systems Page here..
RDOS	Varied stages depending on the Electoral Area, please visit the link to learn more.	Visit the RDOS' Water Restrictions page here.

Regional Drought Outlook - The Okanagan is at a LEVEL 0

To improve clarity and consistency in interpreting the meaning of drought levels, the B.C. government updated the definition of drought levels for 2025, while maintaining the same six-level rating scale. [Read more about that here.](#)



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Don't forget to Take the Pledge!

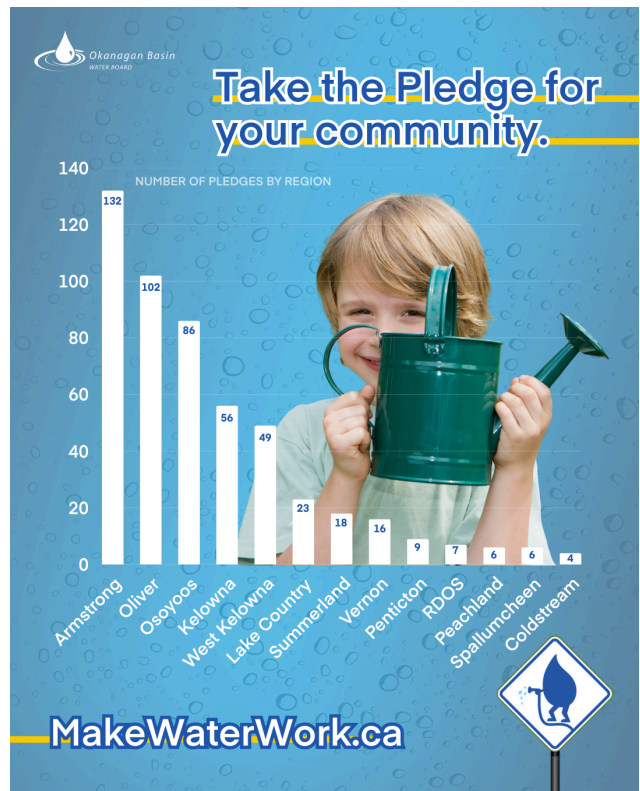
From Armstrong to Osoyoos, Okanagan residents are showing their commitment to a more water-efficient and fire-ready region. Taking the **Make Water Work Pledge** is a great way to take action!

By adopting water-efficient and FireSmart™ practices, you're helping build a more resilient region while saving money, time, and effort.

Armstrong is in the lead, but there's still time to catch up!

The Community Champion will be announced on September 5, 2025.

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