

**NOTICE for AGRICULTURE**  
in the Cowichan Valley Regional District



The current drought level in the region is **Dry** (LEVEL 2).



DRY

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The current drought level in the region is **Dry** (LEVEL 2), meaning the first indications of a potential water supply problem.

### Response:

- ▶ Voluntary conservation
- ▶ Aim to reduce water use by a minimum of 10%

### Agriculture tips:

- ▶ Use an irrigation scheduler and real-time weather data
- ▶ Monitor soil moisture
- ▶ Collect evapotranspiration data

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The current drought level in the region is **Very Dry** (LEVEL 3).



VERY  
DRY

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The current water level in the region is **Very Dry** (LEVEL 3), meaning that potentially serious ecosystem or socio-economic impacts are possible.

### Response:

- ▶ Voluntary conservation and restrictions
- ▶ Aim to reduce water use by an additional 20% (in addition to the 10% reduction during LEVEL 2)

### Agriculture tips:

- ▶ Start planning for reduced water access
- ▶ Use an irrigation scheduler
- ▶ Improve irrigation system: repair leaks, match equipment setup spacing to crop/soil needs, do nozzle checks
- ▶ Focus on high value crops

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The current drought level in the region is **Extremely Dry** (LEVEL 4).



EXTREMELY  
DRY

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The current water level in the region is **Extremely Dry** (LEVEL 4), which means water supply is insufficient to meet socio-economic and ecosystem needs.

### Response:

- ▶ Maximum reductions
- ▶ Water use restrictions are likely
- ▶ Minimize water use to ensure community & ecosystem needs are met

### Agriculture Tips *(if water is still available):*

- ▶ Focus on high value crops
- ▶ Improve irrigation system: repair leaks, match equipment setup spacing to crop/soil needs, do nozzle checks

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