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Edson Water Ban | Fire Ban | Cooling Station

Edson, Alberta, June 29th, 2021 – As reservoir levels continued to drop yesterday, with very little recovery overnight, the Town of Edson is implementing further measures to help maintain adequate water supply for fire emergencies and rebuild some of the supply.

Until further notice:

- Residential water ban remains in place. (lawn/tree watering with hose or sprinklers, washing of vehicles, any non-essential water use). Vegetable gardens are allowed to be watered.
- Kinsmen Spray Park will be closed.
- Edson Truck Fill Station will be closed except for emergency situations (Call 780-723-4402 for access).

These measures are being taken as the Town of Edson's water reservoir levels dipped below 50% last night and a high producing well went offline which meant very little recovery overnight. 50% is the minimum required to be able to respond to multiple fire emergencies.

These extraordinary measures will be in place until water levels return to at least 90%. At that time, the ban will be lifted or adjusted based on the weather forecast.

The main goal is to ensure adequate water levels for residential service to remain uninterrupted and sufficient water kept for fire emergencies.

With the water ban in place, the Town of Edson is also instituting a fire ban to help reduce the risk while water is limited. Until further notice, outdoor burning of any kind is prohibited. This includes recreational wood burning fire pits.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to monitor the situation.

Tips during this water ban:

- do not water lawns/trees.
- take shorter showers.
- do not wash vehicles, driveways, and house exteriors.
- postpone laundry and dish washing.
- wait to fill hot tubs, pools or large aquariums.
- turn off taps while shaving and brushing your teeth.
- flush toilets only when necessary.

For more water conservation tips, please visit www.edson.ca/green.

During the extreme hot weather, let's look out for one another. If you see someone in medical distress due to the hot weather, call 9-1-1.

The Town of Edson is also setting up a "cooling station" at Repsol Place. If you need a reprieve from the heat, please visit Repsol Place. You can bring lawn chairs and set up in the arenas. There will be some



additional seating available. Repsol Place will be open from noon until 8pm both Tuesday, June 29th, and Wednesday, June 30th, for this purpose.

Here is some additional heat warning information from Alberta Health Services.

When a Heat Warning is in Effect:

Take precautions to protect yourself and your loved ones:

- If planning on being outdoors:
 - Apply a sunscreen of at least sun protection factor (SPF) 30, at least 20 minutes before heading outdoors. Be sure the SPF 30 screens out both UVA and UVB rays, and reapply frequently (as directed on product label).
 - Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses (with a UVA/UVB CSA certified seal).
 - Wear light-coloured long-sleeved shirts and pants that cover skin.
 - Consider rescheduling outdoor activities to cooler hours of the day.
 - Drink plenty of water and other non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages to stay hydrated.
- Take frequent breaks from heat, spending time indoors. If you are going to be indoors in a public building, such as a mall, be sure to respect and follow all COVID requirements, including physical distancing and considering masks.
- Do not leave any person or pet inside a closed vehicle, ever.

Monitor for symptoms of heat stroke, including:

- high body temperature
- lack of sweat
- disorientation
- fainting
- unconsciousness.

Learn more about Heat on:

- MyHealth.Alberta.ca

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