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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Stage 1 Water Restrictions Expected Due to High Water Use

Due to extremely high water use, Greater Vernon Water (GVW) is alerting customers that Stage 1 Water Restrictions may be implemented next week if water demand remains high. If customers take action now to reduce their water use we may be able to avoid further restrictions.

GVW recognizes that the extreme heat is hard on plants but asks customers to only water when needed. Most lawns only need water **once per week** to remain healthy. Lawns naturally brown and go dormant with minimal water when it is hot – this is okay and the lawn will green up when the weather cools.

By being waterwise now and making small adjustments, such as only watering twice a week or cutting back irrigation run times by 10%, we can hold on to more water for the remainder of the summer. GVW staff are managing our reservoirs to minimize storage losses – this effort combined with the support of customers will help our water supply last through this dry weather.

The year round restrictions already in place, to promote efficient water use, gives customers options for which day (or days) they choose to water:

- **Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Saturday** if their property has an **ODD ADDRESS NUMBER**
- **Wednesday, Friday, and/or Sunday** if their property has an **EVEN ADDRESS NUMBER**
- Automatic timer irrigation may operate between the hours of **12am-6am**
- Manual sprinklers (moved by hand) may be used between the hours of **6am-10am** and **7pm-12am**
- High efficiency drip irrigation may operate daily between the hours of **7pm-10am**
- Customers using a watering can or hose with spring-loaded nozzle may hand water anytime

Please note:

- **NO YARD/GARDEN WATERING ON MONDAYS**
- **NO YARD/GARDEN WATERING BETWEEN 10AM AND 7PM ANY DAY**

The restrictions in place now apply to all domestic customers – residential, commercial, and industrial.

Agricultural customers must adhere to the Maximum Flow Rate (0.78 liters per second per hectare of allocation). When customers exceed their flow rate, it can cause their neighbours to lose water

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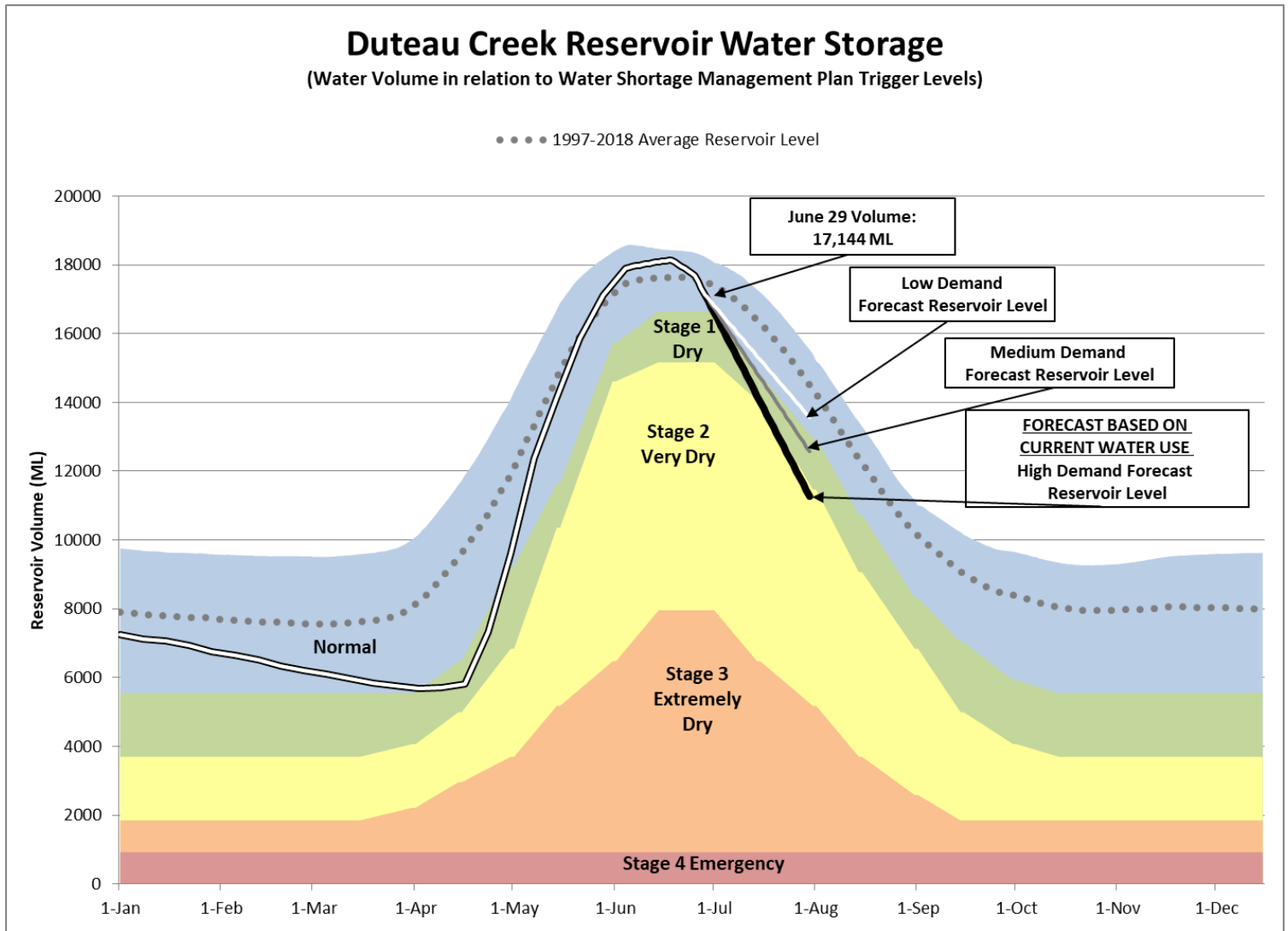
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"B" – SWAN LAKE  
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"D" – LUMBY (RURAL)

"E" – CHERRYVILLE  
"F" – ENDERBY (RURAL)

pressure. We also ask that agricultural irrigation be monitored often for leaks and water use reduced wherever possible. Continued diligence will help ensure we have sufficient water to meet crop needs through to the fall.

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