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COUNTY MOVES TO STAGE 1 OF DROUGHT PLAN

Cypress County is implementing the first stage of its Drought Management Plan starting Monday, Aug. 28 due to reduced water flow in the South Saskatchewan River.

The decision is in concert with the City of Medicine Hat, which will enact [Phase 1 of its Water Shortage Management Plan on Aug. 28 as well.](#)

“We all know it’s been a difficult season, and now we need to work together to ensure these water shortages don’t get worse,” says Director of Public Works Ken Jacobs. “I know Cypress County businesses and residents can do our part.”

Residents are urged to conserve water to avoid further restrictions. This could include watering lawns less frequently, shutting off water features, only running laundry machines or dishwashers with full loads, and taking shorter showers.

As for the county, green spaces and parks will be watered less frequently, emergency services won’t use water for training purposes, and sewer flushing operations will stop.

If flow rates remain poor, Stage 2 of the drought plan would include mandatory restrictions.

For more information on the county’s drought plan, visit www.cypress.ab.ca.

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