

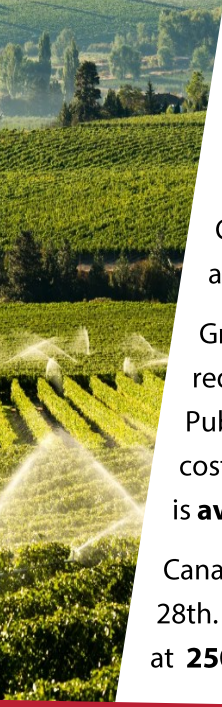
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AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION TURN-OFF



The irrigation season for agricultural customers using pressurized water from the Oliver Water System ends on **Monday, October 14th, 2024.**

Crews will begin turning off services starting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 14th.

Growers on the pressurized system, who require **late irrigation** need to apply to the Public Works Department by October 14th. The cost for late water is \$2.24 per acre, per day, and is **available until Sunday, October 27th.**

Canal diversion will cease on Monday, October 28th. For more information, contact Public Works at **250-485-6213.**

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

APPLY TODAY TO BECOME A MEMBER

Airport Advisory Committee - We are looking for two members of the community at large with backgrounds in **business, marketing, or related fields** to assist in developing future business opportunities for the airport. We are also seeking two members from the aviation community, who can provide valuable insights into airport operations, to apply.

Supporting Local Physician Recruitment Working Group - If you are passionate about ensuring access to quality healthcare in our community, apply now! The goal of the working group is to collaborate effectively to attract and retain physicians in our area. As a member, you'll actively contribute to our workplan, shaping the future of healthcare in our community.

Find more information at www.oliver.ca/council-committees

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ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Did you know that you will need a green lid cart for the new Organic Waste Collection Program starting April 2025?

If your home has never had a green lid cart, please ensure you order one before January 31, 2025 to save the \$32 administration fee! Please complete the New Cart or Change-Out Request Form by visiting www.oliver.ca/organics or the **Finance Department.** Upsizing of black lid carts may be done on a case-by-case basis.

Important changes are coming to the Solid Waste Program in April 2025:

- Recycling will continue to be collected **every two weeks** with the blue lid cart (alternating with black lid cart)
- Organic waste (e.g., fruits, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy) will go in your green lid cart along with yard waste and will be collected **every week**
- Other non-organic garbage will continue to go in your black lid cart and will be collected **every two weeks** (alternating with blue lid cart)

The April 2025 - March 2026 collection schedule will be distributed in early 2025 as will additional information regarding what will and will not be accepted with the new Organic Waste Collection Program. Additionally, the **Town will be providing household kits** to hold your organic waste until the weekly pick-up in the green lid bin – more information will be shared in early 2025!

Learn more about the upcoming Organic Waste Collection Program by reading the updated FAQ available at www.oliver.ca/organics or visit Municipal Hall or the Finance Office for a paper copy.



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PROJECT UPDATES

The **Ditch Trail is officially open!** The grand opening and ribbon cutting for the much-anticipated Ditch Trail was held on Monday, September 9th at the Pedestrian Bridge just off Panorama Crescent. This **scenic, multi-use pathway running alongside the canal**, offers walkers, joggers, cyclists, and strollers a picturesque new route to explore. The trail can be **accessed** via Similkameen Avenue, Panorama Crescent, Skagit Avenue and Road 2.



The **Co-op Avenue Reconstruction Project** has been completed. Upgrades to Co-op Avenue include 230 meters of **sidewalk** and a new **three-way traffic stop** at Co-op Avenue and Station Street. In addition to the road and sidewalk enhancements, the project encompassed critical **underground infrastructure** improvements to the sanitary sewer, storm sewer, reclaimed water, and potable water systems.



100 RADON TEST KIT CHALLENGE

The Town of Oliver will be participating in the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge to give residents an opportunity to **test their homes for radon levels**.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers in Canada. Not all homes have elevated radon, but those that do drive up lung cancer rates. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months and visit takeactiononradon.ca.



OLIVER AND DISTRICT RECREATION UPDATE

Construction on the **Oliver & District Arena** project is well underway with concrete poured on September 19th, and an anticipated completion date in early November.

The **Fall/Winter Recreation Guide** is now available at oliver.ca/recreation/programs

Upcoming Events: *Halloween Family Dance* - Saturday, October 26th from 6:00-8:30pm at the Community Hall. Costumes are encouraged and prizes will be awarded to the best individual and best family costume.

BYLAW FOCUS – PUNCTUREVINE

These **spiny invaders are rapidly spreading** in the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys, negatively impacting agricultural and residential land. Puncturevine prefers sandy or well-drained soils and readily invades disturbed ground. Stiff spines on the fruit readily attach to footwear, clothing, animals, tires, machinery and supplies.

We are reminding property owners of their responsibility to maintain adjacent alleys, lanes and boulevards, including the removal of puncturevine and other noxious weeds.

How do I deal with Puncturevine?

- *Remove plants before they produce seeds* and continue this practice for several years. If spiky seed pods have developed, remove them from area as well
- *Hand removal or hoeing* is effective for controlling small outbreaks
- *Shallow tilling* (~2.5 cm deep) of young plants can be effective in larger areas, avoid deep tilling
- Mowing is **not** an effective method of control
- Dispose of puncturevine in *household garbage*. It is not recommended to dispose in yard waste once seeds have developed; seeds remain viable for many years



Find more information at www.oiso.ca/species/puncturevine

FALL CHIPPING SERVICES

Fall chipping services will be available to residents during the **week of October 15th-18th**. Our public works crews will be collecting branches with diameters ranging from ½ inch up to 4 inches.

To efficiently manage time, crews will allocate a maximum of **10 minutes of chipping per residence**. Residents are advised to make their own arrangements for disposing of large volumes of chipping items.

To assist our crews, please **neatly bundle materials** to maximize the volume that can be chipped within the designated time limit. Bundles should be placed exclusively on the boulevard as crews will not enter private property.

Please pay special attention that all **materials are free from dirt, metal (such as nails or wire) and plastic**. Contaminated items will not be collected for chipping.

Please ensure branches are placed curbside by 7:00am on Tuesday, October 15th.

For further inquiries, contact the Public Works Office at 250-485-6213.