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## Taber's Response to Drought Conditions

As the public is likely aware, the province is experiencing drought conditions. While the Town of Taber currently has adequate water stored in our reservoirs, we are acting now to inform residents, given that the peak watering season nears, and drought conditions are expected to persist.

### Understanding the Severity & Our Reservoirs

Recent data and forecasts have indicated low levels of rainfall and depleted water sources across the region and province. This prolonged dry period has the potential to impact the Town's water supply.

Presently, Taber has a water reserve that will last for three months at current consumption rates. However, with the onset of spring, water usage typically increases with outdoor water use. We are collaborating with the St. Mary River Irrigation District (our water supplier), to ensure a steady water supply for our community now and in the future. There is no need to be alarmed, but we are asking residents to be informed and prepared should drought conditions persist.

### Actions the Municipality is Taking

The Town is developing a comprehensive and evolving water management plan to address varying degrees of drought. This plan may include multiple levels of action and corresponding water restrictions, depending on and adjusting to conditions. Additionally, our municipal staff are exploring water conservation methods for our buildings, services, and infrastructure, and will share these strategies as needed, or if there is any future impact to the public. The Town has also been in close contact with the Province and will adhere to any requirements or restrictions imposed by the Provincial Government, if necessary.

A new Water Conservation Bylaw was adopted at the March 11th Council Meeting, replacing our existing 23-year-old bylaw. This modern bylaw is in line with those of other Alberta communities, enabling Taber to manage water scarcity effectively. It introduces three levels of water restrictions (Levels I, II, & III), with stricter rules at each level. We've created an easy-to-understand infographic to explain the implications of each restriction level. For a detailed look at the restrictions in the bylaw, visit [www.taber.ca/bylaws](http://www.taber.ca/bylaws).

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## Scheduled Meetings

*The public is welcome to attend:*

### Council

#### **Special/Regular Meetings:**

April 8th: 3:30 pm @  
Council Chambers

April 22nd: 3:30 pm @  
Council Chambers

*Livestreams or recordings of Council meetings: [www.taber.ca/livestream](http://www.taber.ca/livestream)*

### Recreation Board

April 4th: 5:30 pm @  
Council Chambers

### Library Board

April 11th: 5:15 pm @  
Library Board Room

### Development Authority (MPC)

April 15th: 1:30 pm @  
Council Chambers

### Arts & Heritage Committee

April 16th: 5:30 pm @  
Council Chambers

### Municipal Police Commission

April 17th: 4:30 pm @  
Council Chambers

*The above are subject to changes at any time. See [www.taber.ca/calendar](http://www.taber.ca/calendar) for most current meeting info.*

## Service Requests:

See something in Town that needs a repair, or that you want Town crews to take a look at? Easily submit a Service Request through our website:

[www.taber.ca/servicerequests](http://www.taber.ca/servicerequests)

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### Drought Info, Continued

In the weeks ahead, we will share information on how the community can conserve water. We encourage everyone to engage with our communications and take the steps suggested, especially as we move into spring and water demand increases. The Town of Taber sincerely appreciates the public's support.

**The Town of Taber is not yet calling for water restrictions, but we are asking the public for their help in reducing their water usage now and into the rest of 2024. If restrictions are implemented, the public will be notified at the time of enactment.**

### Your Role is Crucial

In response to the drought conditions, we urge all residents to:

- **Stay Informed:** Keep up with the

latest information through the Town of Taber's official communication channels. Check our website and follow us on social media (@TownofTaber) for reliable updates. Be careful of rumours or false information- only trust official Town sources of information for any current restriction information.

- **Conserve Water & Plan Ahead:** Every action to save water helps. Be conscious of your water use both outside and inside your home. Simple measures, such as taking shorter showers, using a rain barrel, repairing leaks, and opting for water-efficient appliances, can significantly reduce water consumption. Anticipate how a decrease in water availability could impact your daily life and prepare accordingly. **You don't need to hoard water:** by everyone doing their part and using

water wisely and saving it when you can, our reservoirs should maintain sufficient supply.

- **Be Fire-Aware:** Dry conditions increase the risk of wildfires. Notably, the Government of Alberta has declared the start of the 2024 Wildfire Season on February 20th, which is earlier than in past years. Be mindful of fire bans and advisories in your area. Enhance your property's fire resistance and create an emergency plan (and preparedness kits) for your family.
- **Prepare for Restrictions:** In the event that drought conditions persist, the Town might introduce water usage restrictions, such as limits on lawn watering, pool filling, and car washing. We will inform the community about any necessary restrictions if they are enacted.



# A Quick\* Guide to the Town of Taber's Water Conservation Restriction Levels



#### NO RESTRICTIONS- ALL WATER USES ALLOWED

**Normal water levels.**  
This is the normal, everyday state of water usage in Taber. There are no restrictions.

#### MOST WATER USES PERMITTED

Outdoor water use is permitted three days per week based on house address, no restrictions on types of outdoor water uses (ie: pools, washing cars, etc.) on prescribed days.\*

\*Watering lawns, gardens, trees & shrubs limited to specific hours to reduce evaporation

#### MANDATORY WATERING RESTRICTIONS

All outdoor water use is restricted to two days per week based on house address, and only during prescribed times.

#### EMERGENCY WATER RESTRICTIONS

**Most severe level.**  
Level reserved for emergency & extreme drought situations.

All outdoor water uses & non-essential water usage is prohibited.

#### \*FOR MORE DETAILS & EXEMPTIONS

- Further details are provided in the Town's Water Conservation Bylaw, including what types of outdoor water use activities are allowed in each Restriction Level and which uses have exemptions. View the bylaw at [www.taber.ca/bylaws](http://www.taber.ca/bylaws).
- Gardens used for growing food are exempt from restrictions in Levels I & II, but must only be watered during prescribed times (Level II also restricts to hand-watering only). Gardens are not exempt in Level III restrictions.
- Household water use is not restricted under any level, though water conservation measures are encouraged at any level of restriction.

**More drought info:**  
[www.taber.ca/drought](http://www.taber.ca/drought)

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# Taber Public Library

## \*Sticker Design Contest!

- For the month of April come design a sticker at a station set up inside the library and you can win a chance to have your sticker promoted throughout Chinook Arch libraries!
- Thur April 4 **Mario Kart Tournament** for ages 8-11 years from 1-3 pm. You must pre-register to play by Wed April 3. Snacks provided and a small prize to be won! Call 403-223-4343.
- Sat Apr 6 **Ukulele Jam** at 1:30 pm. This is for all ages and abilities to come play or just listen!
- Sat Apr 13 **Learn Meditation** at 11 am. Please pre-register for this class at 403-223-4343. This is for all ages but please note all your senses may be used during this class!
- Tue Apr 16 is **National Wear your Pajamas to Work Day**. If you wear your pajamas to the library you are eligible to enter our draw to win a prize!
- Wed Apr 17 **Senior Speaker Series** at 10:30 am and we will feature Stan Torrie of **Coulee Medical Services**. Come find out what they have to offer!
- Fri Apr 19 **Family Movie Night** and we will be showing **"Elemental"** beginning at 6:30 pm. There will be free popcorn!
- Sat Apr 20 **Spring Story Time** at 11 am. Mrs. Croft will read, sing and maybe dance with us and celebrate spring! Snacks will be provided.
- Sat Apr 20 **Ukulele Jam** at 1:30 pm. This is for all ages and abilities to come play or just listen!
- Tue Apr 23 we are celebrating **Earth Day** and when you come in for books today, you will receive a free pack of seeds!
- Wed Apr 24 **Service Canada** will be here to explain and help get you registered for the new **Canadian Dental Care Plan**. Begins at 10:30 am in the Program Room but may switch to our small meeting room for privacy later.
- Fri Apr 26 we will be **closed** for staff education at our annual library conference.

## Parkside Manor

Parkside Manor  
Dinner:  
April 10th, 2024 at  
12:00 Noon

Soup and Sandwich:  
April 24, 2024 at  
12:00 Noon

Hall Rentals: call  
Cara- 403-223-4247

## Painting Events

Location: Taber Public Library  
Offered by Lori, Western Sun Art

April 12th- Paint Night:  
6-8:30 PM

April 13th- Teen Afternoon Paint:  
1:00 PM

April 24th- Paint Project,  
5 weeks: 6-8 PM

Email  
brushingupfun@hotmail.com for  
more info

## HELP OUT WITH THE DROUGHT

Water levels in Alberta are at **critical drought conditions**. We need everyone to help conserve water.

### BATHROOM WATER CONSERVATION TIPS:

- Shorten shower/bath times
- Limit pre-heating shower water
- Install low-flow shower heads
- Check for & fix leaks promptly
- Install water-saving aerators on faucets
- Use a toilet tank bank
- Install dual-flush toilets
- Limit use of bathtubs

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### KITCHEN WATER CONSERVATION TIPS:

- Chill drinking water in the fridge (avoids tap running)
- Install aerators on faucets
- Limit the use of ice makers
- Only use full loads in dishwashers
- Use a dishpan for hand-washing dishes
- Limit the use of kitchen sink garbage disposals
- Soak pots and pans instead of scrubbing
- Use a silicone mat for dishwashing

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## WATER SAVING TIP #18

Water during the early parts of the day.  
Early morning is generally better than dusk since it helps prevent the growth of fungus and is also the best defence against slugs and other garden pests. Early watering and late watering also reduce water loss to evaporation.

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# CANADIAN ANIMAL TASK FORCE

THE TASK FORCE IS COMING TO TOWN!

Volunteers from the Canadian Animal Task Force will be in the town of Taber on April 5-8, 2024 for a feral cat Spay & Neuter Clinic. Our teams will be out to humanely trap free roaming cats in our targeted areas. The cats will be transported to a central location where they will be spayed or neutered, vaccinated and treated for parasites. They will be released back to their location in a few days. If you have a cat that goes outside in the Taber area, please keep your cat inside on these days.

If you need help with getting your cat(s) spayed or neutered or have any questions, please fill out our questionnaire by scanning the QR Code or going to: <https://forms.gle/MQcgTF4v4iZVh91z8>



# Eagle Spirit Powwow May 11th & 12th, 2024



Taber Community Centre & Auditorium  
4720 50 Street



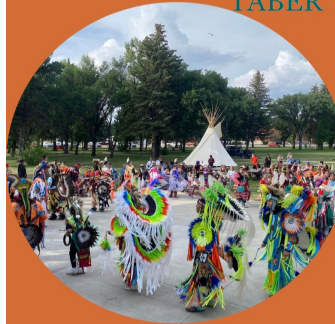
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C&T Tabulation

Master of Ceremonies - Tony Delaney & Howie Thomson  
Arena Director - Rusty Gillette  
Drum Judge: - Dave Spotted Eagle  
Dance Judges - Elvin Nicotine & Paula Weasel Head

Food Truck & Vendors all weekend



Grand Entry  
1:00pm



## SUPPORTED DISTANCE LEARNING

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Your continued Community Support is very much appreciated

APRIL 19  
7:00-9:00 PM



## HORIZON SCHOOL DIVISION Developmental Check-up

Horizon School Division is offering FREE Early Childhood Developmental Check-ups for children aged 3-5.

Learn more about your child's developmental progress, as well as the benefits of Early Childhood programming.

Developmental areas:



Motor Skills



Language & Communication



Early Concepts

To book an appointment, call Elisha at 403-223-3547 ext. 10145.

★ 28th Annual Stars & Community ★



## Taber Charity Auction CHARITY AUCTION

APRIL 6, 2024

AT THE TABER LEGION HALL.

Auction Viewing  
4:00pm

Dinner  
5:00pm

Auction to begin  
by 6:00pm

TO VIEW ITEMS CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

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