

VILLAGE OF NAKUSP

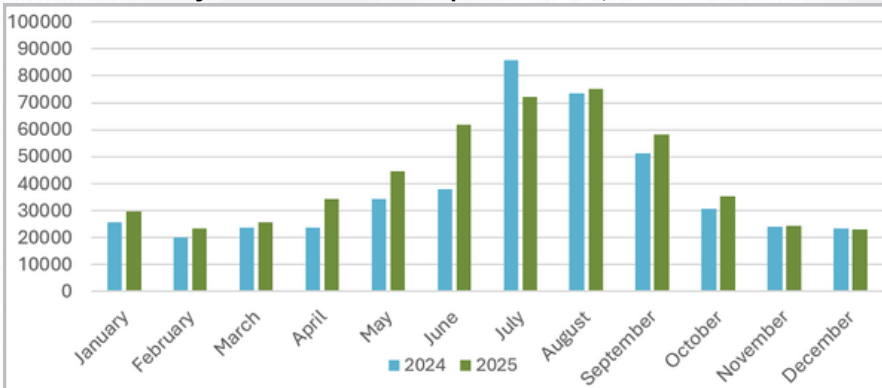
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WATER USE & RESTRICTIONS

Village water customers use more than three times as much water in summer as in winter, primarily due to outdoor watering. Check out the below graph that highlights the Village's monthly water usage across both 2024 and 2025.

Monthly Water Demand Comparison in m³, 2024 and 2025



Watering restrictions play an important role in conserving water during peak use and drought periods. They help ensure enough water for essential needs such as drinking, cooking, and firefighting. Following these restrictions also helps avoid costly infrastructure upgrades needed only for short peak periods, supporting more affordable water rates over the long term.

To use water efficiently outdoors, residents are encouraged to:

- Measure how much water is landing on your lawn, as grass only needs about a half-inch of water twice a week;
- Check for leaks regularly, as any leaks can lead to significant loss;
- Aim for 30-50 PSI (for most systems); and
- Use the right sprinkler heads for your area.

For information on current water restrictions, please visit our website or sign up for Voyent Alert!

UTILITY BILL DEADLINE

A reminder that the 2026 Utility Bills are due by Monday, August 31, 2026 at 4:00 PM. Please reach out to the Village Office if you haven't received yours.

If utility accounts are not paid by this date, a 10% penalty will be applied to your account.



COUNCIL MEETINGS



300 8TH AVE NW

- Monday, July 13, 2026
- Monday, August 24, 2026

INFORMATION

- Meetings are open to the public
- Meetings start at 6:30 PM
- To attend virtually, please use Zoom link at the top of the agenda
- All agenda items must be sent to the CAO at cao@nakusp.com

FIRE SMART

Help reduce wildfire risk by clearing flammable materials from your property. If you can, lend a hand to neighbours who may need assistance.

Visit www.nakusp.com/firesmart for more information.

BOULEVARDS & ALLEYWAYS

A reminder that Village boulevards are your responsibility to maintain. Keep grass/weeds trimmed, and do not store any piles of debris on boulevards.

The Village will be proactively issuing bylaw notices to properties that are not being properly maintained, as per the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 640, 2011.

NAKUSP HOT SPRINGS

Stop paying full price to enjoy the Hot Springs!

Local residents are encouraged to use the Swim Pass Card (SPC), which provides entry for \$10.00. For more savings, arrive on the BC Transit bus and soak for just \$8.50 – now available year-round.

OPERATIONAL HOURS

From May 9, 2026 to October 12, 2026

9:30 AM-9:30 PM every day

Last entry into the pools is 9:00 PM

Contact us at:

info@nakusphotosprings.com OR 250.265.4528

www.nakusphotosprings.com

DUST CONTROL

Village crews will be out in late June and early July applying dust control to gravel lanes and roads. This work is typically done once per year, as each application incurs significant costs.

The timing of this work is important. Applying the product too early in the spring can cause it to be washed away by rain, requiring reapplication and increasing overall costs. Scheduling the work for early summer helps ensure the treatment lasts longer and allows us to manage the budget responsibly.

WATER USE

Nakusp's water comes from deep wells, and from Brouse Creek and Halfway Creek. Droughts take many years to affect aquifer levels, but even short droughts can affect creek flows.

The Provincial Government monitors precipitation and stream flow to determine drought levels across the province. These levels can reflect short-term creek conditions but do not directly indicate how much water is available for the Village water utility. At times, high drought levels still coincide with sufficient supply, while prolonged dry weather can lower creek levels enough to affect water availability for a few weeks.

Did You Know? Micro Hydro Generation

The Village's water intake also supports a small hydroelectric generation station. Due to the significant elevation drop between the intake and treatment plant, water passes through a micro-hydro turbine that reduces pressure while generating electricity sold to BC Hydro. The system produced 287,360 kWh from March 2025 to March 2026.



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WATCH OUR NEW VOYENT ALERT! VIDEO SERIES

We've launched a new informational video series on our YouTube channel, and we'd love to hear your feedback!

The Voyent Alert! video series is designed to help residents learn about the Village's free, anonymous, and easy-to-use notification service. The videos provide step-by-step instructions for signing up and choosing how you would like to receive alerts.

The series includes:

- Video #3.1 – Voyent Alert!
- Video #3.2 – Voyent Alert! Text Notifications
- Video #3.3 – Voyent Alert! Email Notifications
- Video #3.4 – Voyent Alert! Telephone Notifications

Whether you prefer to receive notifications by text, email, or telephone, these videos will help you get set up and stay informed about important community updates and emergency notifications.

We encourage residents to watch the series and share their feedback. You can find these videos, along with other Village-produced content, on our YouTube channel, "Village of Nakusp and Hot Springs".

PARKS

Thanks for doing your part to keep our public spaces clean! Just a reminder: **public garbage bins are for litter only** - please don't use them for household or commercial waste. When misused, these bins overflow quickly, creating messes and extra work for our crews. Let's all help keep our community tidy and welcoming for everyone.

Thanks for also keeping an eye out for our community green spaces! If you notice any irrigation leaks or broken sprinkler heads in Village parks, please report them to the Village Office as soon as possible. Quick action helps us conserve water and maintain beautiful, safe parks for everyone to enjoy.

FOREST FIRE PREVENTION

With wildfire season approaching, residents are reminded that most wildfires are human-caused and preventable. Help reduce the risk by using campfires only in designated areas, fully extinguishing fires, properly disposing of smoking materials, and keeping parks and natural spaces free of litter.

Preparedness is also essential. Ensure your household has an emergency plan, knows evacuation routes, and has a family meeting place if evacuation is necessary. By staying alert, practicing fire-safe habits, and being prepared, we can help protect our community, forests, wildlife, and natural areas from the devastating impacts of wildfire.

For more information, visit our website at www.nakusp.com/firesmart and follow our new Fire Department Facebook page, "Nakusp Emergency Services & Fire Department".

Report all forest fires to 1.800.663.5555 or *5555 on your cell phone.