



## NEWS RELEASE

# Necessary Upgrades Temporarily Reduces Water Treatment Capacity at UWSS Plant

The Union Water Supply System (UWSS) is currently undertaking necessary upgrades to the treatment system at the Ruthven Water Treatment Plant. Part of the water treatment system had to be shut down in September 2021 for the upgrade to proceed. This work was scheduled for completion by the end of May 2022. However, due to current world wide supply chain issues, this work has been prolonged by at least 8-10 weeks. As such, the Ruthven Water Treatment Plant will be operating at reduced capacity until the completion of this work in mid to late August 2022.

Each year, the warmer spring and summer weather is associated with a higher demand on the water system as families fill their pools, gardeners water their vegetables, shrubs, lawns, and people wash their cars more frequently. During hot summer months, water consumption within the UWSS service area increases significantly. One way to manage higher water demands in the summer is with the use of outdoor watering restrictions. UWSS would like to remind all UWSS water consumers that outdoor watering restrictions are in place each year starting May 1st and running through September 30th. More information on these restrictions are available at [www.unionwater.ca/lawn-watering-restrictions/](http://www.unionwater.ca/lawn-watering-restrictions/)

With the expected summer high water demand, especially as we deal with our ongoing treatment plant upgrades, the UWSS requests that residents and businesses minimize their daytime water usage, particularly between the peak hours of noon and 6pm and also to avoid any unnecessary water uses. By working together, we can reduce our use of treated water during times when the demand for it is highest. This will help UWSS maintain a reliable water supply until completion of plant upgrades and avoid additional, more stringent water restrictions.

For further information on the UWSS or to contact us, please visit our website at [www.unionwater.ca](http://www.unionwater.ca).

Sincerely,

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