



The Western Irrigation District timeline for the shutdown of our canal system for 2023.

- September 30th (morning) – Western Headworks Canal Bow diversion is fully closed for the season.
- September 30th (evening) – North and South diversion gates on Chestermere are closed to hold water level in reservoir.
- October 2nd – Western Headworks Canal fish rescue is conducted by the Government of Alberta.
- October 2nd – 9th – Western Headworks Canal Bow diversion is winterized and sluice gates on the river are raised.
- October 9th (afternoon) – South diversion gate on Chestermere Reservoir is opened to begin lowering the water level to winter levels.

*The winter water level in Chestermere will be the same as recent years and will not be held higher. The lower level provides space for spring runoff flows, these inflows will cause the ice sheet to float and move which in turn causes damage to private property (docks and boat launches). The lower level also allows for more exposed shoreline to freeze which can facilitate aquatic invasive species reductions.

While the WID does not anticipate any water demand to occur after September 30th, should our municipal or agricultural water users require water the level of Chestermere will lower as no water can be diverted from the Bow River to meet these needs.