

## Local governments team up to save water this summer

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*Mayors and councillors from across the Okanagan gather to take the pledge to conserve water this summer.*

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OKANAGAN - Okanagan mayors are challenging residents to conserve water this summer as part of the Okanagan WaterWise program.

The program is an effort by the Okanagan Basin Water Board, local government and utility partners to encourage outdoor water conservation during the hot and dry summer months.

Several mayors and councillors throughout the valley took a pledge to save water and spread the word to their communities. Residents who take the pledge are entered to win \$5,000 in WaterWise yard upgrades. The city with the most pledges will be named the Make Water Work Champion.

Water is a valuable commodity in the Okanagan—there is less water available per person than anywhere else in Canada. And 24 per cent of all Okanagan water is used by residents outside, to water lawns, for example. The average Okanagan resident uses almost twice as much water as other Canadians, and our consumption level increases by roughly 325 litres a day.

The WaterWise program will provide tips on how to get the most of your water and have a lasting impact on Okanagan communities.

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