



South Okanagan Makes Water Work

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The Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB) showed off their winners of the Make Water Work contest on Wednesday in Penticton.

Pat and Doug Maxwell of Penticton were recognized for their efforts to reduce water consumption with a newly xeriscaped yard.

While the winners showed off their newly xeriscaped yard, Corinne Jackson from OBWB says there's still a lot of work to be done in the South Okanagan.

"It's still very hot out and I still see people with their lawns being watered in the middle of the day. One of the best things we can do is do your lawn watering at night. Do it during the coolest part of the day from dusk to dawn."

Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen chair Dan Ashton says climate changes and drought like summers will affect everyone throughout the valley.

"The old adage, if you need more water you can't just run some more up the valley it doesn't work that way. When you have years like we've had and what we're going through right now, there are changes coming and we know it's going to affect us in the future"

Earlier in the summer the OBWB gave away more than 1500 energy and water saving Tap by Tap kits.

The project has been so successful the Water Board has decided to move the project up the valley to the Central Okanagan.

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