



Water Week message urges conservation

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Water experts across the Okanagan want you to think about something this week.

"We have less fresh water available per person in the Okanagan than anywhere in Canada and yet we use twice twice as much water than the average Canadian," says Okanagan Basin Water Board research coordinator Corinne Jackson.

The numbers are staggering.

Jackson says the average Canadian uses 329 litres of water each day.

Compare that to the 674 litres that the average person in the Okanagan uses.

Jackson blames the waste on lawn care.

"People love their green lawns and really they're not natural to our landscape so what we're trying to get people to understand is that there are ways to still have a lawn but be careful about how much water we're using."

She says keeping your lawn lush and green could be taking a toll on Okanagan Lake.

"Okanagan Lake itself only fills about 1.5 metres every year, so to draw it down any more than that really only serves to 'mine the Lake.'"

The Water Board will hold a free public forum Tuesday night at Summerhill Pyramid Winery, from 5:00pm to 6:30p.

They're looking to spark discussion about problems and solutions to conserving fresh water.

Its part of **Water Week events** that will go in the Okanagan and across the world over the next few days.