

## PENTICTON AND SOUTH OKANAGAN Make water work campaign

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To inspire Okanagan residents to make water work, local governments and the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen have partnered with the Okanagan Basin Water Board's Waterwise program.

People are invited to take the WaterWise pledge for a chance to win \$5,000 in WaterWise yard improvements and a makeover.

Being water wise is important in the Okanagan, because residents of the region use 675 litres per person, per day, twice the Canadian average, according to Zoe Kirk, RDOS water conservation ambassador.

To make the most from the region's water, she recommends following these simple steps.

- Water landscape, gardens and agricultural crops at or between dusk and dawn.
- Water plant material, such as grass, gardens, lawn and crops only, not pavement, roadways or sidewalks.
- Leave grass two to three inches long and leave clippings as mulch.
- Aerate and top dress your lawn with an inch of compost in the fall.
- Change out conventional lawn for drought tolerant turf.

To win the improvements [log on here](#), and take the pledge to do one or more of the steps listed. Those who do not have a need for a makeover, can gift it to a registered charity of their choice.

"It is a win-win for everyone and our precious water resource," said Kirk.