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# From floods to drought

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Zoe Kirk with RDOS, a partner in the Make Water Work initiative.

It was a particularly wet spring, but the Okanagan still has less available water per person than anywhere else in Canada, according to the Okanagan Basin Water Board (OBWB).

Make Water Work is a valley-wide water conservation initiative led by the OBWB's Okanagan WaterWise program and delivered in partnership with water utilities throughout the Okanagan, including RDOS. As part of Make Water Work, communities are challenged to conserve water by taking a pledge online, for a \$6,000 grand prize.

Residents of the Okanagan will be paying a lot more for water and will see more forest fires if they don't start using their water in more efficient ways, said Zoe Kirk, RDOS water conservation ambassador.

"Mother Nature has turned a switch and we are now into our regular summer weather and the Okanagan is the driest part of Canada," she said. "We all have to do our part to manage water wisely."

The Make Water Work initiative recommends these steps as a way that communities can be more considerate of their water usage.

- Water between dusk and dawn.
- Water plants, not pavement.
- Leave grass 2 to 3 inches tall.
- Leave grass clippings as mulch.
- Aerate your lawn and top dress with compost.
- Change out some lawn for drought-tolerant turf, and/or native and low-water variety plants

Mayors from the surrounding areas and members of the public were participating in an water-conservation event in Penticton on Thursday at the RDOS offices. â€

If residents of the Okanagan don't change their ways when it comes to conserving water, the future could be a very dry one, according to Kirk.

Learn more and take the pledge at [Make Water Work](#).

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