# Resources for Agricultural Water Users in the Okanagan

## Find tools and information about increasing your water-use efficiency and responding to drought, developed especially for you.

Good water management is the first step in ensuring a lasting water supply in your area throughout the growing season. Applying the right amount of water at the right time will help maximize your crop yield.

## **Benefits of Good Water Management**

## For your Farm:

- Reduce unnecessary water use by knowing your crops irrigation requirements and save water to be used later in the irrigation season.
- ▲ **Reduce leaching of nutrients** so that they remain available for your plants throughout the growing season.
- ▲ Maximize crop yield and reduce the risk of disease and pests.

## For the Environment:

- Save water for other needs such as fish, wildlife and domestic users.
- Reduce surface water contamination through runoff as a result of over-irrigation.
- ♠ Reduce leaching of nutrients into groundwater.



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#### **Irrigation System Efficiency**

- · Learn how to minimize water loss
- Assess and improve your irrigation system
- · Agricultural Irrigation Scheduling Calculator

#### **Responding to Drought**

- · Local vs provincial drought responses
- Drought management resources by commodity

#### **Resources by Commodity**

- Orchards
- General water saving tips
- Vineyards
- Forage crops
- Livestock



**Frequently Asked Questions** 



