

THE WATER ISSUE

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EVERYDAY WATER CONSERVATION TIPS:

1. ALWAYS ENSURE THAT FAUCETS ARE TURNED OFF WHILE BRUSHING TEETH AND SHAVING.

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2. REPORT LEAKY FAUCETS AND RUNNING TOILETS TO YOUR FACILITIES MANAGER IMMEDIATELY.

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3. KEEP A JUG OF WATER IN THE FRIDGE INSTEAD OF RUNNING THE TAP FOR COLD WATER TO QUENCH YOUR THIRST.

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4. KEEP IN MIND THAT A 5 MINUTE SHOWER WITH A STANDARD SHOWER HEAD USES 100 LITRES OF WATER.

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5. AVOID USING THE TOILET TO DISPOSE OF PAPER TOWEL OR KLEENEX.

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6. ONLY USE THE AMOUNT YOU NEED WHEN FILLING THE KETTLE—CHANCES ARE THE NEXT PERSON TO BOIL WATER WILL DUMP THE REMAINDER OF YOURS OUT!

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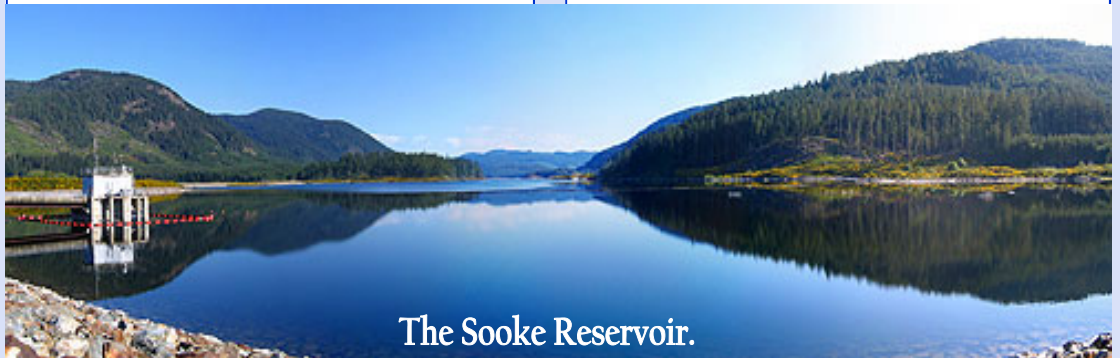
THE SOURCE OF OUR WATER AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SMART WATER USE

The Greater Victoria Drinking Water System is supplied with water primarily from Sooke Reservoir which is located to the west of Victoria in the Sooke Hills. Sooke Reservoir lies within the boundaries of the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area, land that is owned and protected by the Capital Regional District. By being water smart, residents in the Greater Victoria area will benefit from enhanced drinking water quality by maintaining higher water levels in Sooke Lake. The environmental implications of water conservation are also great. As the demand for water decreases, so does the need to supply water from alternate sources, therefore saving the energy needed to treat and deliver water from these other sources.

The Capital Regional District's industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) sectors use about 15 billion litres of water per year, which is nearly 30% of all municipal water use in Greater Victoria. Water use differs greatly between sectors.

Living in Victoria, we have access to some of the best drinking water in the world at a reasonable cost. As with energy, we often take this resource for granted by leaving faucets running, failing to repair leaking toilets, operating the dishwasher at half full and washing only a few items of clothing in each load. Consider the small steps you can take to reduce water usage and promote a water-wise culture in the workplace. Together we can make a difference.

Visit: www.crd.bc.ca/water



The Sooke Reservoir.

THE JAWL PROPERTIES COMMITMENT TO WATER CONSERVATION

Jawl Properties is committed to reducing the demand for water in its facilities to help conserve natural resources. Therefore, the building manager will establish water efficiency programs which include specific strategies designed to help both owner and tenants use water more efficiently. Furthermore, the building owner will regularly inspect the facility and operations and make recommendations for maintenance and capital expenditures which will help the organization reach its water conservation goals.

Water audits have been completed in all of our buildings. Some physical upgrades will take place immediately while other upgrades to more water efficient fixtures will take place when existing fixtures need replacement. Although resources are being dedicated to reduce water consumption in buildings, the change starts with tenants and requires people to be water smart. Let's work together to conserve this precious resource.



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WATER: ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCES

- Water helps to regulate the Earth's temperature and is the only substance that can naturally be found in three forms.
- Freshwater lakes and rivers, ice and snow, and underground aquifers hold only 2.5% of the world's water. Saltwater oceans and seas contain 97.5% of the world's water supply.
- Canada has about 25% of the world's wetlands, the largest wetland area in the world.
- Over the last two centuries the wetlands of Lake Ontario have suffered severe loss due to agricultural drainage and urban encroachment. Since the 1900s, 50% of the world's wetlands have been lost.
- In Canada there is more water underground than on the surface, and with approximately 8% of its territory covered by lakes, Canada has more lake country than any other country in the world.
- Canada's longest inland waterway stretches 3,700 kilometres from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Lake Superior.
- The Great Lakes are the largest system of fresh, surface water on Earth, containing roughly 18% of the world's fresh, surface water.
- Worldwide, one billion people lack access to safe drinking water.
- One drop of oil can render up to 25 litres of water unsafe for drinking.
- It is recommended that people drink 2 to 3 litres (about 8 glasses) of fluid every day.
- Today, around 3,800 cubic kilometres of freshwater is withdrawn annually from the world's lakes, rivers and aquifers. This is twice the volume extracted 50 years ago.
- Residential indoor water use in Canada: toilet—30%; bathing and showering—35%; laundry —20%; kitchen and drinking—10%; cleaning —5%.
- Water power supplies about 62% of Canada's electrical needs.

For more facts like this, visit:

http://www.ec.gc.ca/water/en/e_quickfacts.htm

