



Outdoor water use

... during the summer months accounts for a significant percentage of annual water demands in the Columbia Basin. Our community, along with 21 other communities in the Columbia Basin, are participating in the Columbia Basin Water Smart Initiative, demonstrating ROSSLAND'S commitment to reducing water use.

Columbia Basin Trust and our community are working in partnership on the Columbia Basin Water Smart Initiative (Water Smart). Water Smart is a Basin-wide water conservation program that aims to reduce community water consumption by 20 per cent by 2015.

TIPS FOR REDUCING OUTDOOR WATER USE:

1. **Let it grow.** Let your grass grow to a height of 2.5 inches. Taller grass shades new growth and reduces evaporation.
2. **Sharpen your blade.** Keep the blades of your mower sharp. Dull blades tear the grass leaving it open to disease and heat stress.
3. **Know when to water.** The best times are between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Avoid watering in the hot sun to reduce water loss due to evaporation.
4. **Book an appointment** with your Water Smart Ambassador to learn more.

Learn more about reducing your outdoor water use at www.cbt.org/watersmart.