

**WATER TALK: CONSERVATION PART II**

**WORLD WATER DAY 2010**

*March 22, 2010*

International World Water Day is held annually on 22 March as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.



UN - Water is dedicating World Water Day 2010 to the theme of water quality, reflecting its importance alongside quantity of the resource in water management.

The goal of World Water Day 2010 is to:

- Raise awareness about sustaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being through addressing the increasing water quality challenges in water management and
- Raise the profile of water quality by encouraging governments, organizations, communities and individuals around the world to actively engage in proactively addressing water quality.

**WATER CONSERVATION TIPS**

**General Tips**

1. Never put water down the drain when there may be another use such as watering a plant or garden or cleaning.
2. Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at the rate of 1 drop per second, you can expect to waste 10,200 litres per year.

**Kitchen Tips**

1. Use water saving aerators on faucets—flow rates as low as 3.8 litres per minute versus the regular 9.5 litres per minute are available.
2. Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink so you don't have to run the water while it heats up. (Saves energy too.)



**MUNICIPALITY OF BLUEWATER FACT SHEET****Bathroom Tips**

1. Dispose of hazardous materials properly such as cleaners and don't flush prescription drugs.

**Outdoor Tips**

1. Use a commercial car wash that recycles instead of washing your vehicle at home.

**TIME LIMITED OFFER!****Home Renovation Tax Credit  
(HRTC)**

You still have until **February 1, 2010** to access Government of Canada dollars! The list of eligible projects is huge—see [www.cra-arc.gc.ca/hrtc](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/hrtc) for a list—but here are some of the items that are covered. Be sure to check the eligibility rules to make sure your project is covered.

- Reverse osmosis systems
- Septic systems
- Solar panels
- Hot tubs and installation costs
- Re-shingling your roof
- Additions

- Flooring
- Windows and doors
- Central air systems

***ecoENERGY Retrofit—Federal  
Grant Program***

Have an energy audit done—then you can access up to \$4,375 for improvements to your home! Everything from **low-flush toilets**, doors and windows and insulation to cooling systems, **hot water equipment** and heating systems are eligible. See the Canadian Government website for details: <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/residential>

**Water Links**

Here are some great web sites for water info! Let us know if you find others and we'll include them on future Fact Sheets!

[www.wateruseitwisely.com/kids/index.php](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/kids/index.php)—there are fabulous resources and games for kids here!

[www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/flashindex.html](http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/flashindex.html)— information and resources for World Water Day 2010 and previous World Water Days back to 1993

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