

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Environmental stewardship
is everyone's responsibility

Help support conservation efforts, not only in Drayton Valley but as part of a global movement to reduce our footprint on the earth. Efforts to reduce water and plastic consumption lessens the impacts to our natural resources and the wildlife that depend on them.



1. WATER BOTTLES

A reusable water bottle saves dozens of plastic bottles from ending up in a landfill and taking hundreds of years to decompose. The Town of Drayton Valley has reusable water bottles for sale! These are available at the Civic Centre, Omniplex and Park Valley Pool for \$18.00. Pick up yours today, you'll be glad you did!

2. REDUCE

The most important step we can take is to limit the amount of plastic and water we use in the first place. By reducing consumption, you will directly and actively reduce the amount of waste that makes it into the environment and also do your part to use water responsibly.

3. REFUSE

Whenever possible, refuse products that create waste. These items include plastic straws and bags or items with unnecessary or excessive packaging.

4. REUSE

Before throwing something out or purchasing a new product, consider reusing items or buying used! Here are some great ways you can reuse items or contribute to reuse in Drayton Valley!

Drayton Valley's Take it or Leave it Centre, located at the Aspen Waste Management Facility (landfill) is a great opportunity for you to drop off items that are still in good condition for FREE! You can also visit the centre and pickup any items that you can reuse! Follow the link for additional information and hours: <http://draytonvalley.ca/landfill/>

5. RECYCLE

The Town of Drayton Valley is very serious about recycling. We are working hard to reduce the amount of waste going to our landfill. Through innovative recycling programs, Drayton Valley aims to be a leader in protecting the natural beauty of our community. A successful recycling program is a team effort. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the recycling opportunities in Drayton Valley. Recycling is a critical step in diverting waste from our landfill.

Visit draytonvalley.ca/recycling-2 to learn more about: Plastics recycling, Blue Bag recycling, Recycling depot Take it or leave it centre, Material recovery facility Cell phone recycling, Residential Yard Waste Drop-off

6. UTILITY BILL

Your utility bill shows you how much water your household uses each month. It also tracks your water consumption from month to month so you can monitor household trends.

Check your faucets, pipes, taps, hoses and dishwasher and washing machine fittings regularly for leaks. If a leak is detected it should be repaired promptly. Even just one drop per second from a leaky faucet can waste up to 10,000 litres of water per year.

7. LOW FLOW FIXTURES & P.O.U.R. PROGRAM

Water efficiency can be enhanced by replacing old fixtures and appliances with water saving models. By making some small changes you can save money on your monthly water bill, help to preserve our ultimate resource, and receive credit on your utility account!

The Town of Drayton Valley is proud to support a water conservation initiative which runs each year. The P.O.U.R program is available for customers receiving Town water service who choose to install approved fixtures or appliances which reduce the amount of water consumed. To learn more or to apply, visit: <http://www.draytonvalley.ca/protect-our-ultimate-resource/>

8. SHOPPING BAGS

Reusable shopping bags are a great alternative to plastic shopping bags! Leave a couple in your vehicle so you're sure to have one when you go shopping. This goes a long way in reducing plastic pollution and the amount of plastic in our landfill.

9. GRASSCYCLING

Grass clippings, when left in place after cutting the grass, will provide a ready source of fertilizer while helping the soil retain water which promotes root growth and a healthy lawn. The simple practice of leaving clippings on the lawn after mowing is called "grasscycling"

10. PLANT A TREE

Planting trees ensures that development respects and integrates within the natural environment and helps to maintain ecosystem health and integrity. Trees also clean our air, prevent water erosion, helps prevent water pollution and is a great way to contribute to environmental sustainability in Drayton Valley!