

‘Stay Gold, RDOS’ Water Conservation Contest Official Rules

Residential water use in the RDOS can be up to 400% higher in summer than in winter, mostly because of lawn and landscape watering. The Okanagan is in Level 5 Drought, making it even more important than ever that residents conserve their water use as much as possible. Reducing lawn watering to a minimum, is a great place to start and in doing so, you could win \$100!

How to enter:

- Take a picture of your maintained (kept and mowed), but dormant and golden lawn.
- Upload the photo to the Stay Gold Contest page on the Regional Connections Water Conservation page (www.rdosregionalconnections.ca/water-conservation). Alternatively, email the photo to utilities@rdos.bc.ca with the subject line “Stay Gold – YourWaterSystem”. Please include your name and address in the email.

Photo Guidelines

- Photos must showcase the home’s dormant grass, the "golden" lawn.
- Submissions must be taken by the entrant between June 1 and August 15, 2026
- Photos must not contain inappropriate content, as determined by the Regional District.
- Winning photos may be published via RDOS communications channels. For this reason, it is advisable that photos do not contain people. At minimum, photos must not show faces.

When:

The contest runs from June 1 – August 15, 2026. The last day to submit photos to enter the contest is August 15. We will draw winners by August 31, 2026, and contact them by email or phone.

Who:

Anyone can send in pictures of their golden, kept and mowed lawn, however, only residents who are supplied water by an RDOS-owned or managed water system are eligible for prizes. Winners must provide their address to confirm they are served by an RDOS water system. Only one entry may be submitted for each property during the contest period.

Prizes:

There will be a first, second, and third place winner in each of the following RDOS-owned or managed water systems: Faulder, Lakeshore, Missezula Lake, Naramata, Okanagan Falls, Ollala, Sage Mesa, Skaha Estates, Sun Valley, West Bench, and Willowbrook. The prizes will be awarded via Visa gift card. Prizes are non-transferable, non-substitutable, and cannot be redeemed for cash.

First place prize: \$100

Second place prize: \$50

Third place prize: \$25

Winners will be selected by random draw and contacted within two weeks after the contest closes. Winners must answer a skill-testing question to claim their prize. If a winner cannot be contacted or fails to respond within one week, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen may void the entry and select an alternative winner.

The winning submissions may be published via Regional District communications channels.

Terms and Conditions

Contest rules are governed by the laws of British Columbia and applicable Canadian laws. By participating, entrants agree to abide by these Official Rules and the decisions of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, which are final.

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen shall have the sole discretion in determining the extent and manner of use of entries and are not obligated to use any entry. The Regional District has the right to use your entry in any advertising, marketing, or promotion.

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen reserves the right to cancel, suspend, or refuse any entry or winner at its discretion.

Entrants release the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen from any liability, claims, or damages arising from participation or use of the prize.

Privacy Policy:

Personal information is collected for the administration of Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen programs and services only, as authorized under Section 26 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen does not use or disclose personal information for purposes other than that for which it is collected or a use consistent with that purpose, or with the consent of the individual whom the information is about, or otherwise in accordance with law. The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen retains personal information only as long as necessary for the purposes of the specified program or service and as required by law.