

Water Smart program to help you save money

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That's the essence of the new Water Smart program that will actively be promoting water conservation at local fairs and community events by providing free water saving devices as well as educational materials over the course of the next few months. All participants will have the opportunity to win a rain barrel for collecting water for external use in and around their home. The program will be offered in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, United Counties of Prescott and Russell, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and parts of the City of Ottawa which are located

within the South Nation watershed.

The initiative is being coordinated by the

Raisin Region Conservation Authority and with funding from the Eastern On-

tario Water Resources Committee.

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The goal is to create awareness of water conservation practices at a time of year when it impacts most.

Rainfall levels throughout most of Eastern Ontario are currently at record lows. This makes it critical to conserve water.

“Everyone must do their part and be mindful this summer,”

said Normand Génier, Water Smart project coordinator with the Raisin Region Conservation Authority. “Homeowners are urged to reduce their daily consumption whether in the home or in their backyards. Wasteful uses of water such as for cleaning driveways or watering lawns at midday are strongly discouraged and should always be

avoided.”

The program will provide a variety of water efficient devices such as tap aerators, low-flow showerheads, kitchen spray nozzles, toilet dams, and hose nozzles at several venues throughout the summer. The installation of just one of each of these items can reduce the household water consumption by over 150 litres per day.