



BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

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WATER FOOTPRINT


Shorter showers, repairing dripping faucets, turning the tap off while brushing your teeth — these are all great ways to conserve water; but are they enough? What about the water used to produce a pound of beef, a pair of blue jeans or even a just a cup of coffee? A recent report, [Water Neutral: Reducing and Offsetting the Impacts of Water Footprints](#), defines water footprints as "an indicator of water use that looks at both direct and indirect water use." This means that your cup of coffee actually took around 140 liters of water when you trace back to the growth of the coffee plant.


Becoming water neutral is much like being carbon neutral. One reduces their footprint as much as possible and then offsets the negative externalities of their remaining footprint. To learn more about your water footprint visit the [Water Footprint Network](#). Don't forget to calculate your footprint with the [footprint calculator](#)!




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REMINDERS

 Attention volunteer lake monitors!!! Please send your data to the BCLSS office. Thanks for your dedication to monitoring our provinces lakes!!

 We are no longer accepting new additions for volunteer insurance. A reminder will be sent out prior to April 15th next year for renewals and new additions to our policy. Signed waivers can be submitted to the BCLSS office prior to April 15th, and you will be added to the policy (please note, there is no charge for this service to our actively monitoring members). Thanks!!!

 The BCLSS welcomes submissions of articles to the Loonie News. Anyone with an article idea is encouraged to contact the BCLSS office. Submission deadline for the December edition is December 10th.

MEMBERSHIP

Is your BCLSS membership up for renewal? The BCLSS relies on people like you! For a renewal form visit: <http://www.bclss.org/membershipandspon.html>

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Invasive Plant Council of BC's Annual Public Forum and AGM, "Stop the Spread!"

January 20 — 22, 2009

"Stop the Spread!" will feature international guest speakers from Australia, Oregon and Washington. Day one will focus on concurrent workshops that will look at informed choices and practical solutions for invasive plant management. Day two will showcase Gardening Smart: Leading the Way, a panel discussion, along with a number of other dynamic speakers from around the globe. For full details & registration information visit: <http://www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca/news-and-events/130--invasive-plant-council-of-bcs-annual-public-forum-and-agm-qstop-the-spreadq>



The Okanagan Basin Water Board has released the *Okanagan Sustainable Water Strategy*. The document is available for download from the OBWB website at: www.obwb.ca.



BCLSS Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed December 24, 25, 26, 31, January 1 & 2. We look forward to working with everyone in 2009!!