

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

<p>1. Which population group(s) do you identify with? These categories are based on those used by Statistics Canada. Select all that apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am Aboriginal, Indigenous, First Nations, Métis, Inuk (Inuit) <input type="checkbox"/> I identify as a visible minority <input type="checkbox"/> I identify as LGBTQ2S+ <input type="checkbox"/> I was born outside of Canada <input type="checkbox"/> I have moved to Canada within the last 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> Children (under 18) live in my household <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors live in my household <input type="checkbox"/> I or someone in my household has a disability <p>2. Location - Where do you live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> NE Calgary <input type="checkbox"/> SE Calgary <input type="checkbox"/> SW Calgary <input type="checkbox"/> NW Calgary <p>3. What Calgary neighbourhood do you live in?</p> <hr/> <p>4. How many people live in your household, including yourself?</p> <hr/>	<p>5. What is your age-range:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or older <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer <p>6. Gender Identity - Please choose the option that best describes you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Woman <input type="checkbox"/> Man <input type="checkbox"/> Intersex, Non-binary, Transgender, Two-spirit <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer <input type="checkbox"/> Self-describe: _____ <p>7. Household Income - What is your total household income <i>before</i> taxes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$24,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000-\$49,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$45,000 to \$74,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 to \$104,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$105,000 to \$149,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> I would prefer not to share
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DROUGHT PROJECT BACKGROUND

Calgary has a reliable water supply today, but as we look to the future our rivers will face increased pressure from a growing population, climate change and more extreme weather like droughts. To prepare for these challenges, The City is developing a Drought Resilience Plan and **your feedback on these strategies is important.**






What is drought?

A drought is when there is less water available over a large physical area for a long period of time. It happens when precipitation (i.e. rain/snow), river flow and ground water are below average levels.

Section 1: YOUR DROUGHT EXPERIENCE

<p>1. To what extent have you personally experienced the impact of drought, whether living here in Calgary, in other regions, or in a different country? Select one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not impacted at all <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly impacted <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately impacted <input type="checkbox"/> Severely impacted 	<p>2. Were you asked to take action to reduce either your indoor or outdoor water use? Select one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE
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Section 2: YOUR YARD OR GARDEN

<p>3.a. How impacted would you be if The City required you to reduce your <u>outdoor</u> watering? Circle the face that applies to you.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Not impacted</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Neutral</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Very impacted</p> </div> </div> <p>3.b. Please describe how you would be impacted?</p>	<p>4. What would motivate you to reduce your <u>outdoor water</u> use? Select all that apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Paying higher rates for higher outdoor water usage from spring to fall <input type="checkbox"/> Financial rebate or incentive for reducing water use through water wise landscaping <input type="checkbox"/> Water use comparison between my house and neighbours <input type="checkbox"/> City wide water use goal that gets communicated regularly <input type="checkbox"/> Household level goal that my family would work to meet <input type="checkbox"/> None of these <input type="checkbox"/> Other- Please explain:
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Is drought a risk in Calgary?




A multi-year drought impacting Calgary is one of our city's top climate risks. Impacts may include:

- Lower river flows and less water available during times of the year when demand is at its highest
- Impacts to local agriculture
- Health of plants, wildlife, trees, parks and open spaces, recreational opportunities, and private yards
- Drying out forests increases the risk of wildfires, affecting air and water quality

Outdoor watering can increase a home's water use by as much as 50% in the summer. The following programs could help to reduce outdoor watering and reduce the impacts of drought in our city.

Section 3: DROUGHT STRATEGIES

Please read the description of each strategy or program, rate your level of support, and tell us what you think.

Strategy or program description	Level of support Rate with 1, 3 or 5  1- Do not support  3- Neutral  5- Completely support	Tell us what you think about these programs and strategies? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do you like about each one?• What do you not like?• Do you have any concerns about the strategy?• Does anything seem unfair/inequitable about the strategies?
Outdoor watering schedule Homes and businesses would follow a schedule that outlines which days and times they can use water outdoors. This balances water demands, helps avoid overwatering lawns and watering during the hottest time of the day.		
Water reuse Collecting and treating rainwater, stormwater, and wastewater to water lawns, parks, other public green spaces, fill decorative ponds and fountains. This avoids using treated drinking water for all our watering needs and intensive wastewater treatment where it's not required, saving time, money and energy.		
Financial rate-based approach Water for indoor needs would continue to be affordable, but customers would pay higher rates for higher outdoor water use to encourage outdoor water conservation.		

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Landscape restrictions in new developments Landscaping requirements in new developments that incorporate more plants that need less water. More drought resilient communities with yards and gardens better designed to thrive during a drought.		
Rebates for removing existing grass Calculated based on dollars per square foot of grass removed, up to a maximum amount. This provides financial assistance to help Calgarians to make more water wise landscaping choices.		
Subsidized water-saving plants and tools Discounts on select plants and watering tools that use less water to help Calgarians to make more water wise landscaping choices.		
All-in-one waterwise garden kit Kit would include everything you need to install the garden yourself (plants, soil, mulch, planting design), making it easier for Calgarians to incorporate drought tolerant landscaping, which can be gorgeous, easier to maintain, use less water and thrive during dry conditions.		

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Equity and Prioritization

5. How should The City prioritize the strategies described above?

Please rank the above strategies by numbering them 1 through 7 beside the title of the strategy (1 being the highest priority and 7 being the lowest priority).

Equity is an important consideration for drought resiliency. Equity means that everyone gets what they need, not necessarily the exact same thing as everyone else. Many municipalities have customer assistance programs to support low income Calgarians and others who may experience disproportionate impact or burden from drought and the strategies being considered in the Drought Plan.

6. To what extent do you support The City prioritizing programs that support vulnerable Calgarians as we advance our Drought Resilience Plan? **Circle one face.**



5- Completely
support



3- Neutral



1- Do not support



7. Do you have any additional comments about drought and equity?

8. Are there any strategies or ideas you think are missing that would help build Calgary's resilience to drought, reduce outdoor watering demand, and protect our water supply?