

# What is Being Done to Protect Our Water?



## What is the Government Doing?

In 1987, the Canadian Government developed an all encompassing policy titled the **Federal Water Policy** to address the management of water resources, balancing water uses with the requirements of the many interrelationships within the ecosystem.

The policy takes into account the needs of all Canadians in its overall objective:

To encourage the use of freshwater in an efficient and equitable manner consistent with the social, economic and environmental needs of the present and future generations.

To manage Canada's water resources, the federal government has defined two main goals:

1. To protect and enhance the quality of the water resource
2. To promote the wise and efficient management and use of the water

The policy stresses that government action is not enough. (Clearly, look at Walkerton) Canadians at large must become aware of the true value of water in their daily lives and use it wisely.

Final food for thought.....

100% of Canadians living in urban areas have access to clean water and 99% for those living in rural Canada. In Afghanistan, 19% of urban residents have access to clean water and 11% of rural residents have access to clean water.

We cannot afford to continue undervaluing and therefore wasting our water resources.

## What Can WE Be Doing?

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