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Celebrate Canadian Environment Week at Cherry Lane

You can help strengthen Canada's economy and at the same time enhance the health and quality of life for all Canadians by doing your part to protect Canada's natural environment.

Canadian Environmental week is June 1st to 7th with June 3rd designated as National Clean Air Day and June 5th as World Environment Day.

National Clean Air Day was designated nationally in 1999 and is always held on the first Wednesday of Environment week. World Environment day was designated in 1972 by the United Nations and is held on June 5th of each year.

Environment Week is a good time to explore your options with friends and family on how you can reduce pollution. Some ideas include: buying locally grown food, not idling your vehicle, exploring your local nature trails and protecting them for future generations, turning off your computer when not in use and using cloth bags for shopping.

Need more inspiration? Come to Cherry Lane Shopping Center from Monday June 1st to Sunday, June 7th.

This year information and ideas are on display from:

**South Okanagan Rehabilitation Centre for Owls
Ministry of Environment
South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program
Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance
The Nature Trust of BC
Penticton Museum & Archives
RDOS on Rails to Trails, Riparian, Invasive Plant, Air Quality and Composting
Wildlife Tree Stewardship Program**

On Wednesday, June 3rd come out and meet the Climate Action Facilitator and RDOS Air Quality Coordinator and learn how to take action on climate change and protect local air quality with a simple turn of a key.

Have some fun and test your knowledge. Answer a skill testing question and enter the draw at various display booths.

For more information on the event please contact the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen Public Works – Air Quality at 250- 490-4212

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