



# Roles and Responsibilities

## Municipalities

- Is responsible for water treatment and distribution to communities.
- Is responsible for wastewater and stormwater drainage.
- Provide municipal land-use bylaw provisions and implementation procedures for drought-tolerant landscaping and xeriscaping, riparian area building development setbacks, environmental reserves, natural areas, and conservation reserves to address drought management land-use issues.
- Support Alberta Environment and Parks and Alberta Emergency Management Agency in identifying water-sharing agreements among major water licence holders in the municipality, which can be impacted by drought.
- Develop community drought management plans and emergency preparedness and response plans.
- Set up water committees (i.e., local stakeholders that will inform and implement the drought responses strategies).
- Develop community-wide water shortage response plans.
- Develop and enforce bylaws for water conservation and restrictions in times of shortage.
- Manage the first line of response during an emergency.
- Communicate and create awareness among community groups, including the Chamber of Commerce and non-governmental organizations, during an emergency or drought.
- Coordinate collaborative action among the community during a drought.
- Provide family and community support services to affected residents and others.
- Provide fire, emergency, and police services.
- Declare a local state of local emergency in extreme drought conditions.
- Declare a state of agricultural disaster when applicable.

## Notes