

2025 Water Transfer Program

Program Begins: Monday, June 23, 2025

The Yakima Basin is facing drought for the third consecutive year and is experiencing its third-lowest water supply year since 1981. In response, Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) has entered into an agreement with Trout Unlimited (TU) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (ECY) to lease fallowed water for in-stream use, benefiting both agriculture and fisheries.

Program Details:

- The Enrollment period will run from June 23 through June 27, 2025.
- Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Participants will be paid \$300 per acre-foot of water enrolled in the program.
- Payments will be issued after final reimbursement from Trout Unlimited, expected on or about November 30, 2025

Growers interested in participating should contact the SVID office to confirm eligibility requirements and begin the enrollment process.

Call (509) 837-6980 for more information.