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# 2026 Water Transfer Program

## Program Begins: Monday, March 16, 2026

The Yakima Basin is facing drought for the fourth consecutive year. 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 March 16 through March 27, 2026.
- Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Participants will be paid \$350 per acre-foot of water enrolled in the program.
- Payments will be issued in two installments. Fifty percent (50%) of the total compensation will be paid no later than 90 days following ECY approval of the leased water. The remaining fifty percent (50%) will be paid within 61 days after the end of the lease period.

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.