



# CRD Watershed Warden Badge

## Program Information

The CRD's Watershed Warden program celebrates and rewards watershed stewardship actions taken by school-aged children (individuals, groups, or organizations) that are fun and display leadership within our community.

Watershed Warden program goals are to encourage the:

- ✓ protection, enhancement and restoration of local watersheds
- ✓ discovery of local natural habitat and ecosystems
- ✓ education and participation in rainwater and stormwater management



### How to Earn a CRD Watershed Warden Badge

Children and youth can earn a CRD Watershed Warden badge by participating in watershed educational programs and a stewardship activity in their local watershed.

#### Educational Resources & Stewardship Activity Ideas

Locally focused K-7 Rainwater & Watershed Curriculum/Lesson Plans, short animated videos, illustrations, watershed maps and flow diagrams can be found at: [www.crd.bc.ca/watersheds](http://www.crd.bc.ca/watersheds)

#### Badge Applications

[Online Applications](#) or [Mail-in Letter](#). Also found at [www.crd.bc.ca/watersheds](http://www.crd.bc.ca/watersheds) under "Educational Resources".

#### Eligibility

- Children and youth must reside within the Capital Region
- Watershed stewardship activity must take place within the Capital Region
- All watershed stewardship activities, small & large, will be awarded Watershed Warden badges

#### Timeline

Application Deadline: anytime

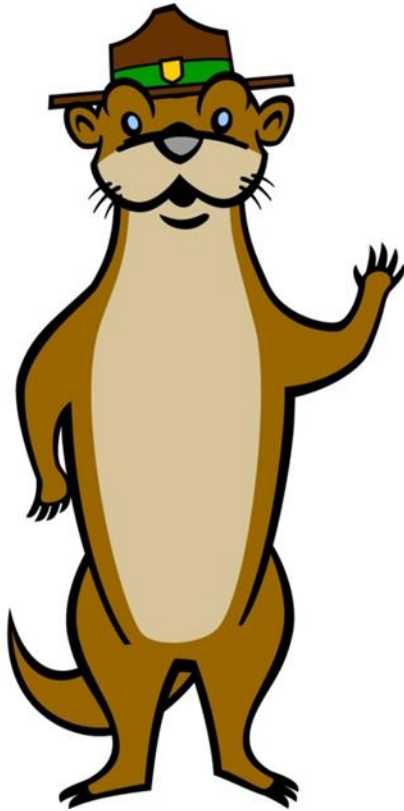
Reply letter and badge from Ollie the Otter: 2-3 weeks from application date

#### CRD Watershed Warden Badge

- ✓ Made in Canada
- ✓ Embroidered Iron-on
- ✓ Approximate size (2.75"X 3")
- ✓ Free (earned by watershed stewardship learning & activity)

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Hi, I am Ollie the Otter, leader of the Watershed Wardens.

I love watersheds! Because I live, work and play in a watershed. Guess what, you do too!

The capital region, where we live, is made up of hundreds of watersheds. A watershed is an area of land that drains rain, snow and groundwater to a common point, such as a creek, wetland, lake or ocean. A healthy watershed slows, cleans and stores water by allowing the water to absorb into the ground.

The flow of water is changed when we clear and build on the land. Roads, driveways, parking lots and buildings are impervious surfaces which make it impossible for water to absorb into the ground. Water runs off these surfaces, washing pollution, soil and litter into storm drains leading directly to our creeks, harbours or ocean, without the benefits of healthy watershed.

There are a number of things we can do to protect our watersheds for all of us living here, from the smallest creature to the largest tree.

If you would you like to be a Watershed Warden, you can earn your badge and join our team of CRD Watershed Wardens. For badge application, videos, activity ideas, lesson plans, maps and more visit [www.crd.bc.ca/watersheds](http://www.crd.bc.ca/watersheds). Tell me what you, your group or your class have done to protect your watershed and earn your badge(s).

Yours truly,



Ollie the Otter,  
CRD Watershed Warden



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