

Top Tips to Save Water in the Home

In the shower

- ◆ Take shorter showers and install a water efficient showerhead (9 litres per minute or less)
- ◆ Use an alarm clock or a shower timer to make sure your shower is no longer than 3-4 mins
- ◆ Reuse bath or shower water on the garden – be careful to distribute to different areas of the garden
- ◆ Shaving can be done outside the shower! Just use the running water to rinse

In the laundry

- ◆ Only use the washing machine when it is full or adjust the load settings
- ◆ When choosing a washing machine look for a front loader machine or top loader with a good WELS rating (4 stars or more)



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In the bathroom

- ◆ Make sure you don't leave taps running when shaving, handwashing or brushing your teeth
Did you know – washing your hands can use 5 litres of water
- ◆ For a long soak, a bath will use less water than a long shower
- ◆ Install a low volume bath, it takes less water to fill and stays warmer for longer
- ◆ Ensure the bath plug doesn't allow leaks

In the kitchen

- ◆ Only put as much water as you need in the kettle or when steaming vegetables
- ◆ Only run the dishwasher when you have a full load and use a lower setting if possible
Did you know – washing dishes by hand uses about 18 litres of water
- ◆ When buying a dishwasher always take the WELS rating into account

In the toilet

- ◆ Installing a dual flush toilet can dramatically reduce the amount of water you use
Did you know – the toilet typically uses 11% of a household's total water use
- ◆ Check for leaking toilets by putting food colouring in the cistern and see if coloured water appears in the bowl within 15 minutes

Everywhere!

- ◆ When waiting for water to cool down or heat up, collect it in a jug to use on the garden
- ◆ Putting aerators on taps reduces water flow and reduces wasted water
- ◆ If the tap drips, replace the washer or call a plumber
Did you know – a dripping tap can waste over 70,000 litres per year

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