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### NEW INCENTIVES FOR WATER SAVING START TODAY

The State Government's new \$24 million water saving rebates package begins today giving householders a diverse range of options to continue reducing water consumption inside and outside the home.

Minister for Water Security Karlene Maywald says a new booklet outlining the details of the incentives scheme is now available from SA Water.

“Under the current water restrictions, householders have saved 23 billion litres of water, when compared with the last drought in 2002-03,” she said.

“Now all householders have the opportunity to turn their current short-term efforts to save water because of the drought into long-term measures to permanently reduce water consumption.

“From today, householders can access all sorts of rebates and incentives to enable them to continue being waterwise inside and outside the home, and even increase the current volume of water saved.

“Just by installing a low-flow showerhead, 16,000 litres of water can be saved per household every year.

“By changing over to a dual-flush toilet or installing a new washing machine with a minimum 4-star efficiency rating, 20,000 litres of water each per year can be saved.”

The package of rebates covers:

- **Showerheads:** Rebates of up to \$30 are available for installing a low-flow showerhead. There are 300,000 low-flow showerheads available over three years.
- **Home Water Audits:** From January 1 next year, householders can have a water assessment of their properties with recommendations to reduce water and energy consumption. As part of the audit, two low-flow showerheads can be installed. Rebates are \$100 for metropolitan Adelaide and \$110 for regional areas.
- **Garden Smart Products:** Spend \$150 on eligible water efficient gardening goods and receive a \$50 rebate.
- **Washing machine rebates:** Householders can receive a rebate of up to \$200 when they buy a minimum 4-star washing machine.
- **Dual-flush toilet rebates:** Rebates of up to \$150 are available to replace older inefficient toilets with dual-flush systems.

Application forms and full terms and conditions are available from the SA Water website ([www.sawater.com.au](http://www.sawater.com.au)) or by phoning 1800 130 952.