



Water-saving tips



There are lots of small things we can do to help make a big difference to water conversation. Inside and outside the home, in schools and in businesses, we can all do our part to save water.

Where can you start? Start right here by using our top six water-savings tips.



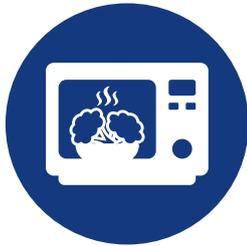
1. Load it up

Only use your dishwasher or washing machine when you have a full load to optimise water usage. This saves water and energy and reduces the amount of detergent entering the sewerage system.



2. Fix your leaky taps

Did you know a leaky tap can waste up to 20,000 litres of water a year? That's water you pay for and never use. Regularly check your taps, pipes and dishwasher hoses for cracks and leaks. Fix them promptly if you find any.



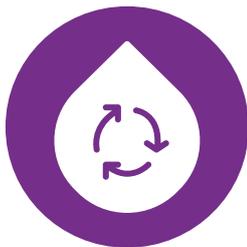
3. Consider how you prepare and cook food

There are a number of water efficient ways you can prepare and cook food. Wash your vegetables in a half-filled sink rather than under running water. You can also cut down on water loss by cooking your vegetables in the microwave or pressure cooker, or by steaming or simmering them, rather than by rapid boiling.



4. Limit your showers

Limit your showers to three minutes or less. Consider getting an aerator shower head or inserting a regulator to reduce your water usage.



5. Water your plants with greywater

Use a greywater system and water your garden with the water from your bath, shower or washing machine. A greywater system in a house with four people can provide up to 40,000 litres of water per year that can be used on your garden.



6. Water your garden with a watering can

There are a few smart ways you can water your plants and garden that help reduce water use. Use a watering can rather than a hose when watering your garden or plants. A hose can use up to 1,000 litres of water an hour. Watering your plants and garden in the early morning or late afternoon reduces evaporation and saves water.

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