



SAVING WATER AT HOME

Keep showers short - target 4 minutes

- 💧 Use a shower timer to monitor how long you shower.
- 💧 Choose from a manual 4-minute egg timer or an electronic timer.
- 💧 A water-efficient shower head uses up to 9 litres of water per minute.

Fix leaking toilets

- 💧 A constant leak can waste more than 96,000 litres per year.
- 💧 Call a plumber to fix the leak. You will save money.

Fix dripping taps

- 💧 One drip per second wastes 12,000 litres per year.
- 💧 Replacing a tap washer can be done by most 'handy people' but call a plumber if you can't fix it yourself.

Always run your washing machine full

- 💧 An inefficient old top-loader washing machine can use as much as 150 litres of water per wash.
- 💧 Water-efficient front-loader washing machines uses around half as much (4.5 Star uses about 70 L/load for 8 kg).
- 💧 Washing in cold water will save on energy costs.
- 💧 Consider connecting your rainwater tank to your laundry.



Always run your dishwasher full

- 💧 A water-efficient dishwasher uses around 11.5 litres (5 Star) of water per load.
- 💧 A fully-loaded dishwasher is more water-efficient than washing all of the items by hand.



In the Kitchen

- 💧 Wash your vegetables in a container and not under running water.
- 💧 Remove food scraps by scraping into compost or bin.

Replace your appliances with water-efficient models

- 💧 Check the appliance or fitting for a Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) rating label. The more stars the better.
- 💧 This is especially important for toilets, washing machines and dishwashers.
- 💧 A high energy star rating will also help save energy and money.

Get the whole family involved in water efficiency

- 💧 A lot of kids are involved with water efficiency at school.
- 💧 Talk amongst the family about being water efficient.
- 💧 Discuss water efficient behaviour like short showers, not leaving taps running and when to half-flush the toilet.
- 💧 Check the water bill together to see if you are saving water and to make sure that there is no spike in use that could be a leak.



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