

Be water wise

Tips on How to Save Water!

18% of household water consumption is in the kitchen

- Don't run the tap when cleaning vegetables – use a bowl or put the plug in
- Use your dishwasher for full loads only
- If buying a dishwasher, consider its water consumption
- Remember sink waste disposal units encourage more water use
- Check all taps, pipes and connections for leaks

7% of household water consumption is in the laundry

- Use your washing machine only for full loads
- Use the half water cycle if appropriate
- When looking for a new washing machine consider its water usage
- Check all taps, pipes, connections for leaks
- Check your hot water supply tank and hot water cylinder breather pipe for overflowing

43% of household water consumption is in the bathroom

- Take shorter showers
- If you must bath, don't overfill it
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth
- Check your cistern, taps pipes for leaks and overflow
- Install a dual-flush toilet cistern or place a brick in the cistern, or adjust the float valve

32% of household water consumption is in the garden

- Check hose and sprinkler restrictions with council
- Only water when really necessary - not just by habit
- Water morning or evening to reduce loss by evaporation
- Deep soak plants - a few good waters are better than lots of light sprinkling
- Use the household grey water on the garden
- Mulch your garden - it conserves soil water and has other benefits too
- Compost your soil - this will assist moisture retention

