

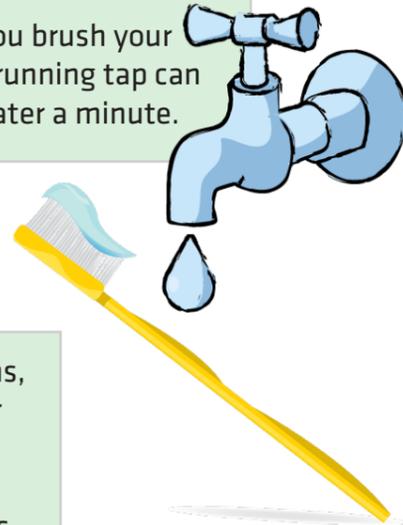
How to be water wise...

Being on a meter can help you become more water wise as you will be aware of your usage. Not only that, but you are helping to save the environment, as there will be a reduction in the amount of water taken from rivers and underground sources. Every litre of water you save also means less energy is used for pumping and treating.

If you want to reduce the amount of water you use, then keeping a track on your usage could help. Our handy water audit form allows you to record your daily usage, which can help you identify where you may need to cut back. This can be found on our website.

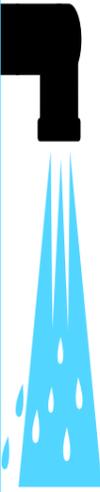
If possible, take a shower instead of a bath. A five-minute shower uses about 35 litres of water. This is about half the volume of a standard bath.

Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth, wash and shave. A running tap can waste up to 5 litres of water a minute.

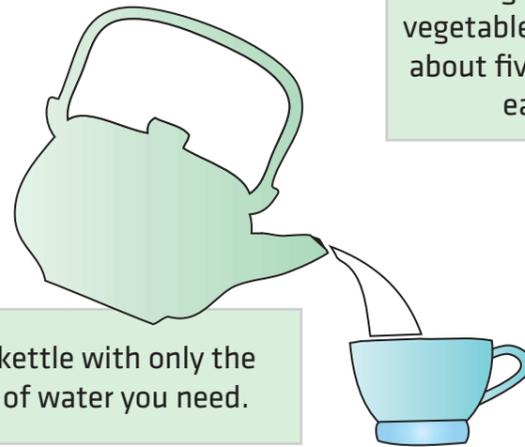


In older, larger capacity toilet cisterns, you can reduce the amount of water you flush by placing a cistern bag or a cut-down plastic bottle in your cistern. The amount the bottle holds will be the amount of water you save with each flush. Don't use these in modern toilets though, as it can create the need for double flushing!

Fix dripping taps as they can waste up to 5,500 litres of water a year!

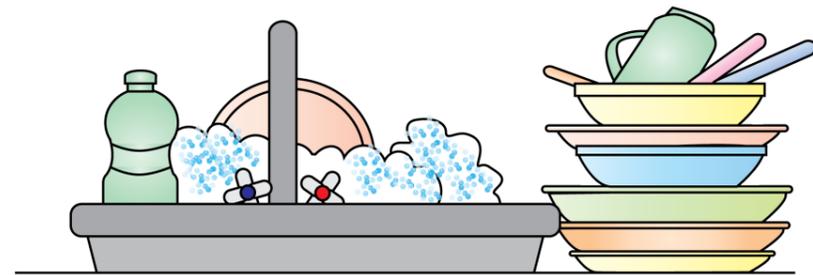


Fill your kettle with only the amount of water you need.



Use a bowl instead of a running tap for washing vegetables - you can save about five litres of water each time.

Plug the sink and fill it with water to wash dishes and cutlery - try and wait until you have a sink full, if possible.



Use a watering can in the garden instead of a sprinkler or a hosepipe as these use 540 litres an hour

Fit a water butt to collect rainwater off your roof. These usually store about 200 litres of water.

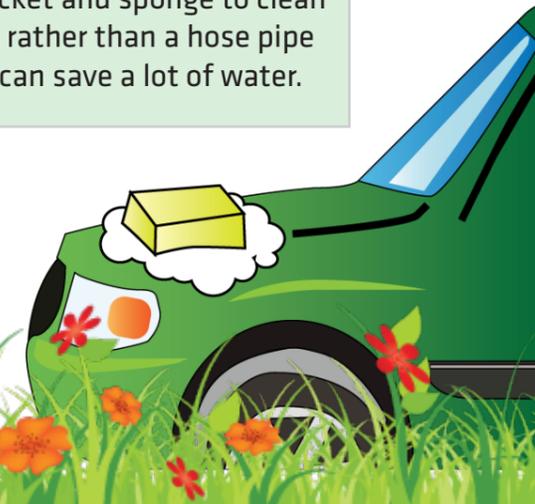


It's ok to let your lawn go brown during the summer months. Brown lawns are eco-friendly and it will recover immediately after rainfall

You can use collected dishwater on your established plants, but not on edible plants, and do make sure the water doesn't have bleach or disinfectants mixed in.

Don't water your plant in direct sunlight as most of the water will be lost through evaporation. Try watering plants in the early morning or evening.

Use a bucket and sponge to clean your car rather than a hose pipe as you can save a lot of water.



Only wash full loads in the washing machine or your dishwasher! Buy energy-efficient appliances and save money on both your electric and water bills!



Instead of running the tap waiting for cold water, fill a jug and put it in the fridge for when you want a cool drink.

