

Water Audit for the Household

WATER AUDIT

Water is the most precious natural resource we have yet we often take it for granted.

This simple audit is designed to help you work out approximately how much water you use and where in your household you use most of it.

By cutting down the amount of water you use, you'll be helping the environment, saving yourself money as well as helping our water supply system.

So, let's get started. Grab a pen and calculator and see how much water your household uses. You may be surprised at the results and how easy it is to use water more efficiently.

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	No. of persons in household	No. of uses per person per day	Volume of water per use	
Toilet				
Shower				
Bath				
Cleaning Teeth				
Washing Hands				
Washing Dishes				
Dishwasher				
Drinking				
Washing Machine				
Washing Cars				
Washing Pets				
Watering Gardens etc				
Hosing Driveway				
Dripping Taps/Leaks				
TOTAL				

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VOLUME GUIDE

To work out the volume of water used in your water audit, here is a guide.

TOILET - Full flush (old)	12L
Full flush (dual)	6L
Half flush (dual)	3L
SHOWER - Water saving rose head	8L/min
Older style rose head	20L/min
BATH – Quarter full	30L
Half full	60L
Full	120L
CLEANING TEETH – Tap running	5L
Tap turned off	1L
WASHING HANDS	4L
WASHING DISHES – Full sink	18L
Half sink	7L
DISHWASHER – Fast cycle	15L
Normal cycle	20L
DRINKING – 5 glasses	1L
WASHING MACHINE – Top loader	200L
Front loader	50L
WASHING CARS – With a hose	100/300L/wash
WASHING PETS	50L
WATERING GARDENS/LAWN	1000L/hr
HOSING THE DRIVEWAY	75L/wash
DRIPPING TAPS OR LEAKING TOILETS	
3 drops per second is approximately	65L/day

WHERE FROM HERE

Imagine the savings you can make by just fixing that leaking tap, having a shorter shower and not over-watering your garden.

Now that you have worked out how much water your household uses, check out our Water Conservation Information Package for helpful hints and suggestions to save both water and money.

Also available is a more extensive water audit “Water Audit Questionnaire” booklet for those requiring a more detailed consumption within the home.