

Water Efficiency

Whether used wisely or wasted, each and every drop of water used is paid for by consumers. By being water conscious in the home, you can help save money on water and electricity bills and assist in protecting the environment.

TAKE WATER WISE ACTION INSIDE THE HOME:

In the kitchen

- Repair dripping taps – one leaking tap can waste more than 500 litres a day.
- Convert to Water Efficiency Labelling Standards (WELS) water appliances such a dishwasher that uses less water.
- Run dishwashers only when fully loaded.
- Wash fruit and vegetables in a small amount of water in the sink not under running water.

In the bathroom

- Turn taps off when cleaning teeth or shaving.
- Check and fix leaking toilets.
- Avoid using the toilet as a wastepaper basket and flushing away tissues as this wastes water.
- Install a water saving shower head. Many showerheads put out 20 litres of water per minute, while 9 litres is actually enough for a refreshing, cleansing shower.
- Insulate hot water pipes and hot water systems – this will retain the heat longer, and minimise heating units.



In the laundry

- Convert to Water Efficiency Labelling Standards (WELS) water appliances such as washing machines that use less water.
- Run the washing machine only when fully loaded or use the automatic filling level.

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TAKE WATER WISE ACTION OUTSIDE IN THE GARDEN:

- Add a trigger nossle to the garden hose. You are in control and water is not wasted when moving the hose around.
- Group plants with similar water requirements in the same beds.
- Water the roots and not the leaves. Watering the leaves of trees and shrubs is not beneficial. It just increases water loss through evaporation.
- Water deeply but less often at the right time (early morning or in the evening, not during the hottest part of the day).
- Choose local native and drought resistant plants.
- Use mulch made from bark, leaves, grass clippings or a ground cover on the soil surface to reduce water run-off and evaporation.
- If you want a green lawn toughen the lawn by watering twice a week. Give it feed but don't over fertilise. Aerate the soil and don't mow less then 2cm.
- Avoid wasting water by not allowing automatic irrigation systems to switch on before, during or after rain when the soil is still moist.
- Use a timer with your sprinkler. A forgotten sprinkler wastes more than 1000 litres per hour. A timer will allow you to place as much water as is needed without the threat of wastage.
- Adjust sprinkles so that they do not spray over paths.
- Wash the car on the grass not in the driveway (where the water will run into the stormwater).
- Sweep driveways and paths don't hose them off.
- Cover up the pool when not in use to prevent water loss through evaporation.

