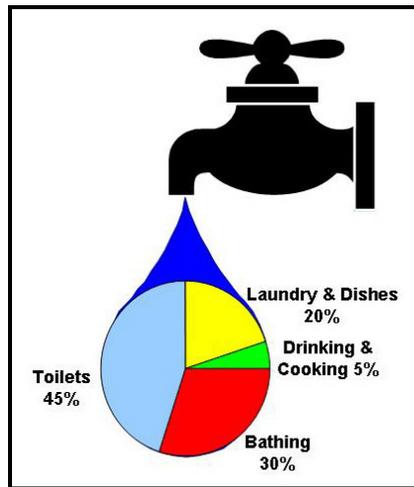


WATER SAVING TIPS



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With a few small actions you can make a significant difference

Consider installing low flow, water efficient showerheads and taps in your home.

Look for the AAA water efficient label when you're shopping. The AAA rating scheme identifies water efficient appliances. The more 'A's a product has the more water-efficient it is. Go to the Water Efficiency Ratings website <http://www.waterrating.gov.au/> for a full listing.

Rebates - Ask your local water authority or government if they offer rebates for people buying water-efficient appliances.

Use a toilet flush regulator. If you don't have a dual flush toilet then buy a toilet flush regulator. These devices fit inside your toilet and release the button once you remove your finger from it.

Turn off taps tightly but gently so they do not drip.

Install tap flow regulators. These replace your aerator and can cut down the water used by half while still giving good pressure.

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. This can save as much as 10 litres of water each time you brush your teeth.

Choose water-wise plants.

Keep a container of water in the fridge so that you won't need to run the water down the sink until it's cool enough to drink.

Rinsing your dishes in a plugged sink rather than under a running tap saves water and is just as easy and effective.

Water your garden less often but more thoroughly and water in the cool of the morning or late evening.

Never clean the driveway or footpath with a hose - use a rake or broom.

Wash your car on the grass and water your garden at the same time; During a drought you should completely avoid washing your car with a hose at home. If your car desperately needs a bath, take it to a car wash that recycles water.

When you give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your trees or shrubs.

When you clean your fish tank, use the water you've drained on your plants. The water is rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, providing you with a free and effective fertilizer.

Have a full load before starting the washing machine or dishwasher.

Drop that tissue in the trash instead of flushing it and save litres every time.

Install low-volume toilets.

By reducing your showers by an average two to three minutes can potentially save around 30 litres of water.

Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up or runs. Use this water to water plants.

When shaving fill the basin instead of letting the water run.

When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather.

Thaw frozen foods before you need them or use the microwave instead of placing them under running water.

Rinse your vegetables in a plugged sink rather than under a running tap.

The most water efficient methods for cooking vegetables are microwaving, steaming or using a pressure cooker. You can also cut down on water loss by using tight lids on pots and simmering instead of boiling rapidly.

Cook food in as little water as possible. This will also retain more of the nutrients.

Select the proper size pans for cooking. Large pans require more water for cooking than may be necessary.

Soak your pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.

Collect the water you use for rinsing produce and re-use it to water houseplants.

Designate one glass for your drinking water each day. This will cut down on the number of times you run your dishwasher

If you accidentally drop ice cubes when filling your glass from the freezer, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.

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