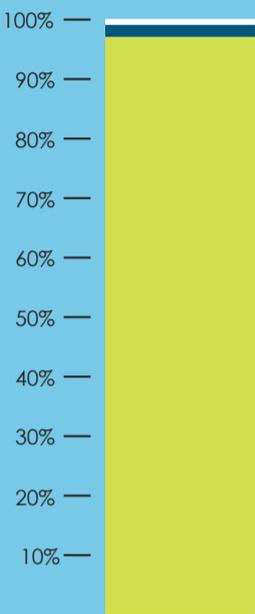


# Save Water and Save Money

Water saving tips from Water Plus.



## Why do we need to save water when there's plenty about?

Although 70% of the Earth is covered by water, 97% of that water is in the oceans and contains salt, so it's not drinkable. Another 2% is locked away in the ice caps, leaving just 1% as drinkable water!

- Drinkable water
- Water locked away by ice caps
- Salty and undrinkable water

## We're using more and more water

The amount of water we use has grown every year since 1930

We now use an average of 150 litres per person per day. Add in the water used to produce food, textiles and energy and we each consume a staggering 3,400 litres of water per day.



Up to 25% of your household energy bill is from heating water for baths, showers and washing clothes.

## More water means more energy

Water and energy are linked

Cleaning and pumping water to your home uses large amounts of energy.

So by reducing your water usage you save money on water and energy and reduce your carbon footprint.

## The UK must be okay, it's always raining here.

Believe it or not, London gets less rainfall than many major cities that you might expect to be drier. The UK also has less available water per person than most other European countries.

### Average Annual Rainfall millimetres

557  
London

733  
Monaco

799  
Rome

805  
Istanbul

1146  
Buenos Aires

1223  
Sydney

## Follow our handy tips to save water.

It's easy to be water efficient.



### Check for leaks

- + Take regular water meter readings to monitor your water use.
- + An increase in water consumption, without an obvious reason may mean you have a leak.
- + To check, switch off all your water using appliances and take a meter reading. After a short while take another reading. If the reading's changed you've probably got a leak.
- + Fix even the smallest leak. Small drips accumulate to a large amount of wasted water very quickly.

### Save water in the bathroom

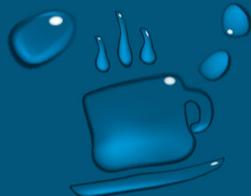
- + Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth. A running tap uses 6 litres of water a minute, so turning the tap off for the 2 minutes you're brushing your teeth, twice a day, 365 days a year, could save 58 days worth of water.
- + Have a shower rather than a bath.
  - + As an average shower uses 1/3 of the water of an average bath
  - + Shortening your shower by 1 minute could save 10 litres of water
- + If you have a dual flush toilet, make sure you use the right flush. Short flush uses 4 litres of water. Long flush uses 6 liters of water.
- + Remember what the toilet's for. Bin items such as cotton buds, make up tissues or wet wipes rather than flushing them away.

For a single flush toilet install a Cistern Displacement Device to save 1 litre of water for every flush



### Save water in the kitchen

- + Modern dishwashers use less water than washing by hand but scrape left over food into the bin rather than rinsing in the sink.
- + Fill dishwashers and washing machines before switching them on and use the 'Eco' setting.
- + Wash fruit and vegetables in a bowl rather than under a running tap and when finished, use it for watering plants.
- + Drinking water helps you stay healthy – but instead of running the tap until it's cold, keep a jug or bottle of water in the fridge.
- + Only fill the kettle with the water you need and use less water in saucepans with the lid on to cook vegetables.



### Save water in the garden

- + Use a watering can rather than a hose. If you do use a hose use a trigger gun to control the flow.
- + Avoid using sprinklers as they can use as much water in 1 hour as a family of 4 uses in 1 day.
- + Use a bucket and sponge to clean the car rather than a power washer.
- + Get a water butt connected to a down pipe and collect rain water.