



## AN INTRODUCTION TO SAVING WATER

There are many ways we can save water in and around the house and garden. Simple things like taking shorter showers, using waterwise appliances and making your garden waterwise don't take a lot of effort.

### BIG SAVINGS

#### TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS AND INSTALL A WATER EFFICIENT SHOWER HEAD.

Showers account for around one third of all water used inside the home, so an easy way to save is to keep your showers short. An eight minute shower in a conventional (12 litres per minute) shower uses approximately 35,000 litres of water each year. A four minute shower would use approximately 17,500 litres a year less. If you installed a water efficient 3 'Star' (nine litres per minute) shower head and had a four minute shower, you would save approximately 20,000 litres a year per person.



#### INSTALL A DUAL FLUSH TOILET SYSTEM

The toilet uses about a quarter of the water inside the home. By installing a dual flush system a household could use 75% less water than a standard single flush toilet, saving 30,000L a year.

Single flush toilet = approximately 44,000 litres a year

Dual flush toilet = approximately 11,000 litres a year

#### BUY A 4.5 'STAR' WASHING MACHINE

Washing machines use around a quarter of water in the home. When buying a new washing machine choose one with a WELS rating of four stars or more and save up to 35 litres every load. Go to [www.waterrating.gov.au](http://www.waterrating.gov.au) for more information.

#### BRUSHING YOUR TEETH

Instead of running the tap when you brush your teeth simply wet your toothbrush before you begin and use a glass of water to rinse.

Running water while brushing for two minutes each day = approximately 7,000 litres a year

Using a cup (250ml) of water while brushing your teeth = approximately 180 litres a year

### FIX A LEAKING TOILET OR TAP

A leaking toilet or tap can waste around 9,000 litres of water per year. To check your cistern, place a few drops of food colouring in the tank. Without flushing it, look for colouring in the toilet bowl. If it's getting through, you've got a leak, and it's time to call a plumber.



### RUN YOUR DISHWASHER FULL

Operate your dishwasher only when it's full. Older dishwashers can use up to 40 litres. New water efficient models use less energy and only around 15 litres of water, saving around 9000L a year.

Older model dishwasher 40 litres per wash per day = approximately 14,000 litres a year

4 'Star' rated dishwasher 15 litres per wash per day = approximately 5,000 litres a year

## MORE EASY WAYS TO SAVE WATER

### PLANT A WATERWISE GARDEN

The garden and lawn account for around 40% the water used by households. Choosing waterwise plants for Perth, sticking to water roster days, mulching and installing drip irrigation are just some ways to save water and have a great looking garden. To find out more go to [www.watercorporation.com.au](http://www.watercorporation.com.au) and click on 'Save water'.



### POOL COVERS

With more than your entire pool's volume of water being lost every year through evaporation, you can save water and money by regularly using a pool cover.

### WASHING YOUR CAR ON THE LAWN

When it's time to wash your car, use a bucket, as a running hose can waste up to 20 litres of water a minute.

### USE A BROOM - NOT A PRESSURE WASHER

When we need to clean down driveways or paved areas use a broom. Using a hose or a pressure washer is a fast way to waste water and attracts a fine if caught.

### TRIGGER HOSES SAVE

Switch from a running hose to a trigger spray and target your water use.