



WATER SAVING TIPS



How to save water indoors



Saving water in the bathroom

Check all taps, pipes, and toilets periodically for leaks.

A tap drip or invisible leak in the toilet will add up to 57 litres of waters day. Or 397 litres a week, which adds up to 20724 litres of water a year.

Put a bucket in the shower to catch water.

The water you collect can be used to water your plants or garden.

Invest in a dual flush toilet. Water consumption can be dropped by 35%. Install toilets that have cisterns with a maximum flush capacity of nine litres.

Take a shorter shower or try a navy shower. Due to a lack of fresh water aboard ship, sailors were taught to get wet, turn off the water, soap and scrub, then briefly turn the water on to rinse. It also is far better to shower than to run a bath. A shower cuts down on water usage by 66%.

Don't use the toilet as a waste basket. Using a waste basket instead of the toilet for tissues and other bits of trash will save litres of water that would be wasted.

Don't let the water run when you brush your teeth, wash your face or hands, or shave. This can save a few litres per minute.



Saving water in the kitchen and laundry.

Fill your dishwasher. Your dishwasher uses the same amount of water whether it is full or partially full of dishes, so be sure to fill it. Many dishwashers have a water saver cycle to save even more water.

Select proper water level for laundry. Unlike your dishwasher, you can control the amount of water used by your clothes washers. Select the proper water level for each load of laundry. A front load washing machine uses 1/3 less water than a top-loading machine. Make sure that you only wash a full load every time.

Reuse fish tank water. Use fish tank water on your household plants. Besides saving water, it's a good fertilizer as well.

Don't let the tap run until the water cools down. Instead, keep a container of drinking water in the refrigerator. Running taps wastes many litres of water per minute. Before rinsing, put the sink stopper in place. If you need to use the garbage disposal, release the used sink water as the disposal is turned on.

Defrost food in the refrigerator. When defrosting food, plan ahead to thaw it in the refrigerator or microwave oven instead of under running water.

If you wash dishes by hand, rinse the dishes off in a sink partially filled with water, instead of under running water.

How to save water outdoors



During Water Restrictions the following ARE/NOT allowed.

- Use of hose pipes for any purpose.
- Use of sprinkler or irrigation systems.
- Reuse water. Instead of pouring water down the drain use it to water your garden or pot plants.
- Gardens on **even street numbers** may be watered from 6pm - 7pm on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. **Odd street numbers** from 6pm - 7pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.

- About 90,000 litres of water fall on a typical roof each year.
- That's enough to fill 450-200 litres of water. Installing a water drum will save water and garden plants prefer rainwater to tap water.

Remember to report broken water pipes in your neighbourhood or misuse of water to the Municipality immediately. Water is precious, we cannot afford to waste it.

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