

Household Water Saving Ideas

Checking for leaks

An undetected leak could lose thousands of litres of water a day. Fix leaking pipes, taps and toilets immediately.

[Checking for leaks using your water meter](#)

Take a meter reading last thing at night and first thing the next morning before using the water. If there has been any change in the reading you could have a leak.

Taps and toilets

A dripping tap can waste 30 to 200 litres of water per day.





- turn taps off properly, check washers for wear and attend to leaking taps
- a leaking toilet can waste 60,000 litres of water per year. Check for silent leaks by adding food colouring in the cistern. If the colouring begins to appear in the bowl after 15 minutes, the cistern is leaking and the valve must be repaired.





Home and garden

- regularly check your home and garden for wet spots or pooling water
- symptoms of a leak can be discoloured drywall, ceiling tiles or carpets

Reduce household water usage

Save water by trying the following activities:

	Activity	Water saved per day
	Cut each shower by 2 minutes	24 litres
	Turn off the tap while brushing teeth	8 litres
	Wash vegetables and fruit in a basin rather than under running water	15 litres
	Turn off the tap when soaping hands	6 litres

	Chill drinking water in the fridge instead of running tap water until it is cool	5 litres
	Reduce your clothes washing by one wash per week (with a water-efficient washing machine)	65 litres
	Shower instead of bath (install a water-efficient shower rose to halve the amount of water used with every shower)	87 litres
	Install a pool cover	100 litres