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Water wise tips

There are many simple things you can do around your home and garden to use water efficiently.

Do you know how much water a water efficient household should be using? Our [water efficiency targets](#) can help you find out how much water you should aim to use.

In your home

In your garden

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Fix leaks

- Get to know your water meter. If the numbers on it are turning while no water is being used in your home, you could have a leak.
- Check for leaking taps. Fixing a leaking tap is an easy way to use less water. One leaking tap can waste up to 2,000 litres a month. Replace washers as soon as taps begin to leak.
- Most leaks get worse over time, so maintenance and quick repairs are key to reducing the cost of leaks.
- Check for, and repair any leaking pipes. Constant damp patches in the garden, particularly during dry periods could indicate a hidden underground leak.
- Not all plumbers are equipped to find hidden leaks. If you know you have a leak but can't find it, confirm the plumber has specialist leak finding equipment.

Use water efficient products

- Install water efficient taps or make your current taps water efficient by installing flow regulating aerators.
- Look for a front-loading washing machine with at least [4-and-a-half stars](#) when you buy a new washing machine.
- Choose a dishwasher with a 5-star rating for sparkling dishes and a lower water bill.
- Install a 3-star rated showerhead and you'll save water and energy by using less hot water.

Choose water efficient behaviours

- Keep a bottle of water in the fridge for drinking instead of running the tap until the water is cool.
- Thaw food in the fridge or microwave instead of under running water.
- Wait until you have a full load in your dishwasher or washing machine and use the economy mode. This can save you water and energy.
- Wash fruit and vegies in a half-filled sink instead of running water.
- Rinse your razor in the sink. Rinsing it under a running tap wastes lots of water.
- Turn the tap off while you brush your teeth. Simply wet your toothbrush before you begin and use a glass of water to rinse your mouth.



Always wash vegetables in a half-filled sink.

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