

# How to...

## Save over 50 litres of water per day

ACTIVITY	APPROXIMATE COST	ESTIMATED SAVING
Shower for 2 minutes less	\$0	<b>18 litres</b> per day
3 star water efficient showerhead	\$20 – \$85 (save \$100+ pa)	up to <b>45 litres</b> per day
Bucket in the sink waiting for hot water plus an aerator	\$6	<b>9 litres</b> per minute
Bucket in the shower waiting for the hot water	\$1	<b>9 litres</b> per minute
Fix one dripping tap	\$1 – \$5	<b>5–50 litres</b> per day
Fix one leaking toilet	\$5 – \$20	<b>5–100 litres</b> per day
Use a Fixaflush or Waterwizz cistern weight for manual flush time	\$12	<b>10 litres</b> per day
4 star front loading washing machine	\$500 – \$2,000	<b>57 litres</b> per day
5,000 litres rainwater tank connected to toilet & garden	\$3,000 – \$4,000	<b>50+ litres</b> per day
Buy or convert to a water efficient urinal at work	\$1,500	<b>275 litres</b> per day / urinal

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# Saving water inside!

## In the bathroom...

**Try to limit your shower to four minutes** > Each minute you save in the shower saves between 9 and 20 litres of water - depending on your showerhead. This could save a minimum of 15,000L per year.

**Don't shave in the shower** > Guys - fill the basin instead. Girls - fill a bucket. And remember to turn off the basin tap while shaving - you could save 3,500L each year.

**Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth** > Brushing your teeth twice a day with the tap running can use over 4,000L per person per year.



## In the toilet...

**A leaking toilet wastes up to 16,000L per year** > To check if your toilet has a leak, put a little food dye in the cistern. Wait 15 minutes (don't flush) and check the water in the bowl. If the colour appears in the bowl the cistern needs immediate repair.

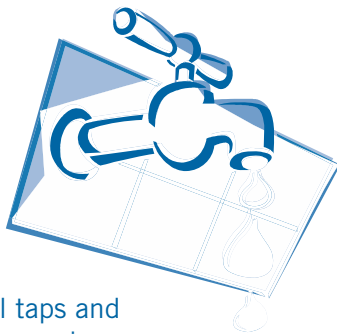
**Consider replacing older toilets with modern 6/3L or 4.5/3L dual flush toilets** > A family of four can save over 35,000L each year. And only use the full flush when you need it.

**If you can't afford a new toilet** > Install a cistern weight that lets you control how much water is being flushed.

## At the tap...

**That dripping tap can waste about 20,000L per year** > A dripping tap can often be fixed by just changing the washer.

**To save even more water** > Install flow controllers and aerators in all taps and plumbing fixtures - they're an inexpensive way to save water and can be installed by any handy person or your local plumber.

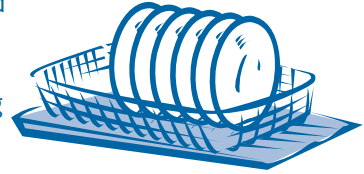


## In the kitchen...

**Use the plug when rinsing vegetables or dishes** > A running tap can use between 9 and 20 litres of water per minute.

**Rinse recyclables in your wash water** > Instead of rinsing them separately, rinse recyclables in the sink after you've finished with the dishes.

**Only run the dishwasher with a full load** > A full wash cycle can use between 10 and 30 litres of water per load, depending on the machine. Use the rinse and hold setting in between full loads.



## In the laundry...

**Depending on the model, a top loading washing machine can use more than 120L of water per cycle** > Wait until you have a full load before washing. Always adjust the water level to suit the size of the load.

**When the time comes to replace your washing machine** > Choose a modern 4 star (or better) front loader - they can cut your water use by 50%.



## In the pipes...

**Leaking pipes can waste a lot of water - particularly if they are underground and the leak is not noticed** > Check the dials on your water meter when no water is being used. Overnight is a good time to do this test. If any of the dials have moved you may have a leak and should contact a plumber.

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