

Handy Hints from Ian Williams



SAVING WATER IN THE HOME

Your household can really make a difference by following the water wise tips below:

1. Fitting a Save-a-flush (a bag of harmless crystals) in your toilet cistern can save up to 1 litre per flush. That's a saving of nearly 2,000 litres per person per year.
2. Installing a Hippo (designed to work in toilet cisterns with a 9 litre flush or greater) could save up to 5,000 litres per person per year.*
3. Have a refreshing shower instead of a bath – this can save over 300 litres of water a week. Be careful though – a power shower can use more water than a bath!
4. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth. Brushing your teeth with the tap running wastes 6 litres per minute.
5. Fix leaking taps. A dripping tap can waste up to 140 litres a week.
6. When buying a new appliance, choose one that is energy efficient as this saves on water and electricity. Machines with an 'A' rating are most economical.
7. Wait for a full load before using the washing machine – a full load uses less water than 2 half loads.



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8. Only fill the kettle with enough water for your needs. This will reduce your fuel bills too.
9. Lag your pipes and leave your heating on a low setting when you are out to avoid bursts in cold weather.
10. If you have a water meter, check for leaks by turning off the water and taking two readings several minutes apart. If the readings are different there may be a leak.

How much water do we use?

- In the UK, every person uses 155 litres of water a day
- In developing countries each person uses only 20 litres a day
- 1/3 of household water is used to flush the toilet

Bath	80 litres	16 buckets+
5 minute shower (not power shower)	35 litres	7 buckets
Brushing teeth with tap running	6 litres/min	1.2 buckets
Brushing teeth with tap off	1 litre	0.2 buckets
Dripping tap	140 litres/week	28 buckets
Washing machine	65 litres	13 buckets
Dishwasher	20 litres	4 buckets
Washing car with bucket	10 litres	2 buckets
Hosepipe/sprinkler	540 litres/hour	108 buckets