

50 WAYS TO SAVE WATER

In the home

1. Use **Miracle Wash Laundry Balls** and turn off the rinse cycle on your washing machine.
2. Consider purchasing a front loading washing machine, or one with a Water Wise rating high than 4.
3. Adjust the water level according to the size of your wash load.
4. If the function is available use the eco setting on your washing machine and dishwasher where possible.
5. Install dual-flush toilets, if a new toilet is out of the question, consider a water saving gadget for older toilets, example of these are Waterwiz (Toilet Water Save) and Flexiflush.
6. Catch the cold water flushed from hot water pipes, whilst in the shower or running a sink to wash the dishes, to water your plants.
7. Don't over flush your toilet – items such as cigarette butts, tissues and rubbish don't need to be flushed and can cause sewerage and septic problems.
8. Take shorter showers; perhaps consider a short shower timer.
9. When bathing children or pets only fill the bath up with as much water as is needed.
10. Replace old shower heads with new 3 star water saving heads, these save between 6-11 litres per minute.
11. Don't shave your legs in the shower, use a container of water and use it to shave. For men, don't rinse your razor under a running tap, use a container or sink of water to rinse.
12. Don't leave water running while shaving or brushing your teeth.
13. Install aerating taps.
14. Ensure taps are properly turned off.
15. Install flow restrictors.
16. Ensure your dishwasher is full before running a cycle.
17. Consider purchasing a water efficient dishwasher, and continue to run it on a full load and an eco setting.
18. When washing dishes by hand don't rinse them under a running tap. If you have 2 sinks fill the second with plain water to rinse in.
19. Similarly, wash vegetables in a half filled sink of water instead of under a running tap.
20. Use a sink strainer to catch food debris from dishes, the waste can then be thrown in the bin rather than flushed down the drain with running water.
21. Where possible, try to use phosphate free environmentally friendly dishwashing detergents and cleaning products in all wet areas as this reduces the need to rinse.
22. Use only as much water as you need in the kettle and reduce your electricity usage at the same time.
23. Don't use running water to defrost food, place in the refrigerator and defrost overnight or microwave.
24. Microwave or steaming in a pressure cooker is the most water efficient method of cooking. Also ensure pot lids have a tight seal.
25. Keep a container of water in the fridge so you don't need to run the tap until the water is cool enough to drink.
26. Make sure the thermostat on your hot water system is not set to high, adding cold water to very hot water is wastefully and energy in-efficient.
27. Reduce your water pressure. A registered plumber can install a pressure reduction valve.
28. Fix dripping or leaking taps and check your house for hidden leaks, by turning off all taps and checking to see that your water meter isn't ticking over

In the Garden

29. Install a grey water system and use **Miracle Wash Laundry Balls**, then recycle your 100% environmentally friendly grey water onto your gardens.
30. Install rainwater tanks.
31. Make sure your sprinklers are positioned well and are only watering your plants and gardens and not paved areas.
32. As lawn requires a high amount of water, choose a slow growing or water saver variety or plant gardens over lawn.
33. Aerate or spike your lawn as this allows for more effective watering.
34. A good soak every now and then with a hand held hose will help make your lawn more drought resistant with deeper roots.
35. Use old bath water on your garden and lawns.
36. Consider installing a bore to utilise ground water.
37. Water the roots of the plants rather than the leaves and stems.
38. Watering in the cool of the morning or evening prevents evaporation.
39. Install a water wise irrigation system available from endorsed irrigators. Or consider a drip watering system and use a timer.
40. Avoid putting high water use plants in hot sunny positions, visit a garden centre and get advice on the overall layout of your garden.

41. Plant drought tolerant native plants.
42. Use soil conditioners and wetting agents to retain the moisture in your soil.
43. Deep mulch and add compost to your soil.
44. Use a cover on your swimming pool to prevent evaporation.
45. A pool surrounded by decking loses less water to evaporation.
46. Be alert and cover your pool on windy days as evaporation increases with wind rate.
47. Fill your pool to half way up the skimmer opening, overfilling your pool causes it to operate inefficiently and wastes water.
48. Never hose down paved areas, instead sweep or use a blower.
49. Wash cars, boats, trailers etc on the lawn and (if practical) with a bucket rather than a hose.
50. Use a commercial car wash that recycles water.