

In the garden

- Use a watering can instead of a hosepipe or sprinkler to water your garden.
- Fit a water butt in your garden to collect rainwater and use this for watering.
- Water your garden in the morning or evening so that less is lost through evaporation.
- Fix any dripping taps around the home and garden. A dripping tap can waste up to 15,000 litres every year.
- Wash your car using a bucket of water instead of a hosepipe.



In the bathroom

- Turn off the tap while you brush your teeth – this can save up to nine litres a minute.
- If your toilet has a large cistern, fit it with a water-saving device – this could save you one litre of water every time you flush.
- Take a short shower instead of a bath – standard showers use less than half of the water and save you time and money on your energy bills.
- Only flush toilet paper and human waste down the toilet to prevent blockages.



In the kitchen

- When washing the dishes put the plug in or use a bowl instead of leaving the tap running.
- Make sure you have a full load when using your washing machine or dishwasher.
- When purchasing new appliances look for water and energy efficient products.
- To prevent blockages avoid pouring fat down the sink, instead wait until it has cooled then put it in a suitable container for disposal with the rest of your household waste.



Why you should try to reduce the amount of water you waste

- To protect and conserve the earth's most valuable resource.
- To help reduce the amount of energy needed to supply drinking water and treat sewage.
- To save money by reducing your energy bill.

