

# How to...

## Save over 50 litres of water per day

ACTIVITY	APPROXIMATE COST	ESTIMATED SAVING
Reduce shower time by two minutes	\$0	<b>18 litres</b> per day
Three star water efficient showerhead (save \$100+ pa)	\$20 – \$85	up to <b>45 litres</b> per day
Use an aerator and place a bucket in the sink while waiting for hot water	\$6	<b>9 litres</b> per minute
Use a bucket in the shower while waiting for hot water	\$1	<b>9 litres</b> per minute
Fix a dripping tap in your home	\$1 – \$5	<b>5–50 litres</b> per day
Use a Fixaflush or Waterwizz cistern weight for manual flush time	\$12	<b>10 litres</b> per day
Fix a leaking toilet in your home	\$5 – \$20	<b>5–100 litres</b> per day
Four star front loading washing machine	\$500 – \$2,000	<b>57 litres</b> per day
5,000 litre rainwater tank connected to toilet and 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 15,000 litres per year.

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

## In the toilet...



**A leaking toilet wastes up to 16,000 litres 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 35,000 litres each year. And only use the full flush when you need it.

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

**Look at installing a cistern displacement bag >** This can save up to 1.8 litres of water per full flush.

## 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.

## At the tap...



**That dripping tap can waste about 20,000 litres of water 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 120 litres 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%.

## Further information

For further information visit [www.savewater.com.au](http://www.savewater.com.au) or contact your water provider.