

# HOW TO SQUEEZE THOUSANDS OF LITRES OF WATER SAVINGS OUT OF YOUR HOME



**OUR**  
**water**  
TOO GOOD TO WASTE

## IT'S EASY

Your average household can save a dramatic amount of water without causing too much drama in your life. It's the simple things you do daily that really add up to big savings. So, take a journey through your home using this brochure as your guide and see just how easy it is to squeeze water savings out of your home.

The environment will thank you, as will your wallet when you save money on your water and energy bills.

## THE KITCHEN



The average kitchen can use up to half a swimming pool of water every year, so it's worth lapping up these tips:

- Half fill the sink to rinse dishes or clean fruit and vegetables
- Fit water efficient flow regulators to your taps
- A water efficient dishwasher uses less water than washing your dishes in the sink. Wait till you have a full load before turning it on
- When buying a dishwasher look for water efficiency rating labels

## THE BATHROOM



More than 30% of all domestic water is used in the bathroom. You can shave a lot off that figure by doing the following:

- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth or shaving
- Install a water efficient '3-star' rated showerhead. That will save you up to 21,000 litres of water every year
- Reduce your shower time. A minute or two less showering time really adds up
- If you don't already have one, install a dual-flush toilet. A half flush saves up to 3 litres of water every time

## THE LAUNDRY



You can save loads of water in the laundry and still get the 'clean' you're always looking for simply by doing the following:

- Only wash when you have a full load, or adjust the water level and setting to suit the size of the load
- When buying a new washing machine, choose a water and energy efficient front-loader. They use half the water of top-loaders
- Check all taps and pipes for leaks

## OUTSIDE



More than one third of household water use occurs outdoors and in the garden. Here's some great water saving advice for your great outdoors:

- Don't water in the heat of the day
- Use a broom to sweep paved outdoor areas
- Use a bucket when washing your car
- Wash your car or boat on the lawn instead of on the road or driveway
- Fit a trigger nozzle to all hoses
- Mulch all garden beds with at least 10cm of mulch

## DID YOU KNOW



A slowly dripping tap can waste 20,000 litres of water in a year.

A standard showerhead uses up to 25 litres of water per minute while a four star rated water efficient showerhead uses as little as 6 or 7 litres.

A water-efficient washing machine may use only one-third the water of an inefficient model.

Using less water also means less energy is used to heat your water, you'll save money while reducing your impact on the environment.

Using a water efficient dual flush toilet reduces household water use by around 30,000 to 40,000 litres per household per year.

Source: <http://www.waterrating.gov.au/index.html>

## WATER



## IT'S NOT ALL FOR US TO SOAK UP

We can get plenty of rain in Far North Queensland, but this doesn't mean our water supplies are unlimited.

In our tropical environment, water is the lifeblood of all the things we love, like the rainforests, the rivers and the reef. Now with our growing population, it's important we don't soak up more than our fair share.

It's easy not to soak up too much water. Simply put into practice the handy tips you'll find in this brochure. That way you'll be looking after the thing that makes our region what it is - our water.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

For more information on all the ways you can save water around your home, and exactly how much, visit our website.



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