

If your washing machine or dishwasher is quite old, they may use a lot of water.

Take a look at the Australian Government's Water Saving Label Star Rating system at www.waterrating.gov.au.

The rating system will help you to select the most water efficient appliance for your home.

Did you know?

Front loader washing machines are more water efficient than top loaders.



There is a large range of water efficient taps, shower heads and dual flush toilets on the market - it may be time to upgrade.



A quality trigger nozzle gives you greater control during watering or alternatively, try using the good old watering can.



Try washing your car on the lawn and go soap free by using a microfiber mitt, bucket of water and chamois.



Remember to check for water leaks

If you notice a wet patch in the garden, or notice your water bill shows excess usage when you know you have reduced your water consumption, you may have a leak. The best way to check this is to turn off all the taps in the house except for the stop tap by the water meter. Record the numbers and then return two hours later – if the numbers have moved, you have a leak. Contact your local plumber to help locate the leak.

Questions?

If you want to learn more about your local water supply, water conservation or water restrictions, please contact TasWater on 13 6992 or visit www.taswater.com.au/Community---Environment/Save-each-drop

TasWater's education team are happy to visit community groups and discuss water conservation measures. They can be reached at education@taswater.com.au

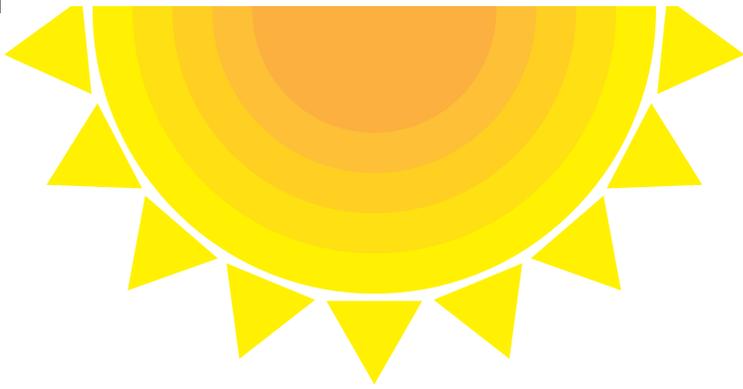


SAVE EACH DROP



Let's conserve water in these dry conditions.

TasWater



While Tasmania generally attracts a high rainfall, there can be times of prolonged dry periods. This can reduce the flow of water in our drinking water catchments.

In dry conditions, we encourage everyone to conserve water as much as possible. Included in this brochure are actions you can take in your home to save water which will help it last longer.

If our water supplies become very low, TasWater will respond by declaring a water restriction.

About our water supplies

TasWater is responsible for ensuring our customers have secure access to water supplies regardless of the weather, climate change or other challenging circumstances.

Your water is sourced directly from a river, dam or bore. TasWater relies on regular rainfall to maintain environmental flows and water levels for a secure water supply. During dry conditions, many rivers will experience reduced flows.

While we can not predict which year will be dry, what we can do is encourage everyone to assist by conserving water. So if you are a resident or a visitor to our state we need your help.

What is TasWater doing?

TasWater is continually improving its understanding of the capacity and demands of our drinking water catchments. We are looking to upgrade infrastructure to increase security of supply and work with other stakeholders to manage demand.

We will ensure our customers have the information and advice they need to make suitable changes to their water consumption habits.

What can you do?

There are simple steps you can take right now that will make a big difference.

Inside the home

Check all leaky taps – a new washer can make a big difference. A very slow dripping tap can waste up to five litres of water per hour.

Try not to run your taps – cleaning teeth and washing your hands under running water can use up to five litres of water.

Make the most of your dishwasher and washing machine – full loads is the go.

Dual flush toilets are super efficient. A half flush uses three litres of water, a full flush is six litres of water. Old cisterns can use 18 litres of water in a single flush.

Keep those showers short and sharp – five minutes is all you need! A water efficient shower head will use nine litres per minute as opposed to a standard shower head that uses 18 litres per minute.

Outside the home

Hand watering uses less water – invest in a watering can for those pots and garden beds.

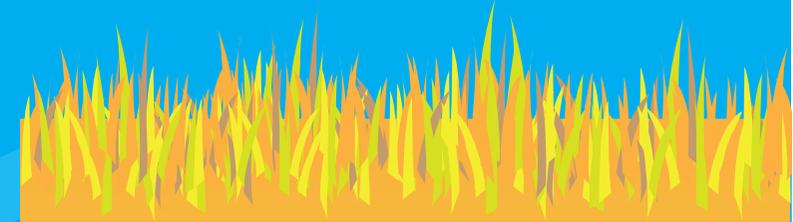
Try watering early of a morning or late of an evening when there is less evaporation.

The best watering systems is a slow, low flow drip system.

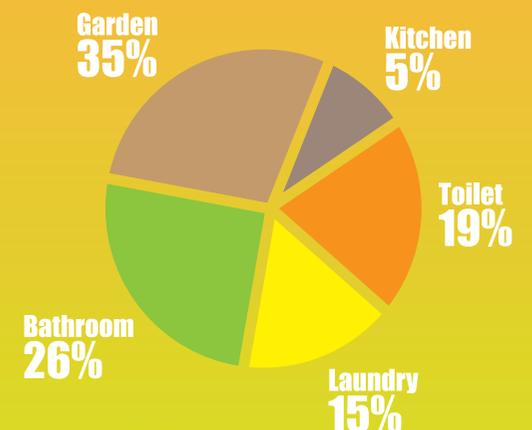
Use plants that are native to the area or drought resistant.

Mulching your gardens will prevent up to 70 per cent of evaporation and keeps those weeds suppressed.

Use your broom, not your hose. High pressure cleaning of paved surfaces wastes huge quantities of water.



Where water is most used around the home:



Reference: Water Live it Learn it.