

WATER SAVING TIPS

We all waste water. Just think about how long the tap is left running each time you brush your teeth or rinsing the dishes? By making a few small changes you can help save water. This leaflet gives you quick and easy tips on how to save water, that wont make big changes in your lifestyle.

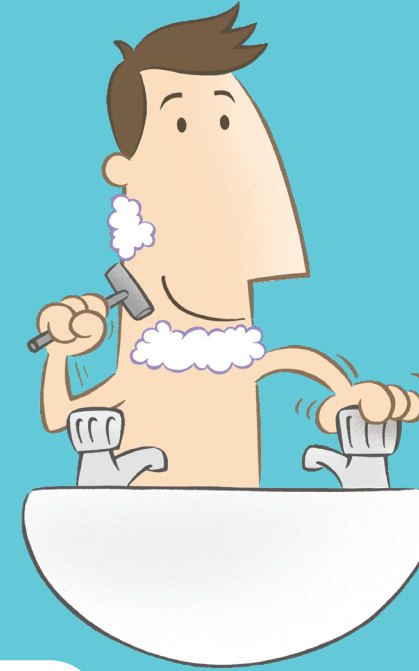



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SHAVING

Put a plug in the sink when shaving rather than rinsing your razor under running water.



TOILETS

About a third of water used in the home goes down the toilet. Install a dual flush toilet and use the half flush option and save up to 20 litres of water per day. If you are using an older model place a displacement device or bottle filled with sand in your toilet cistern.



BRUSHING YOUR TEETH

Turn the tap off between rinses when you are brushing your teeth. Having the tap running, wastes 6 litres per minute - that's 700 litres a week for a family of four.



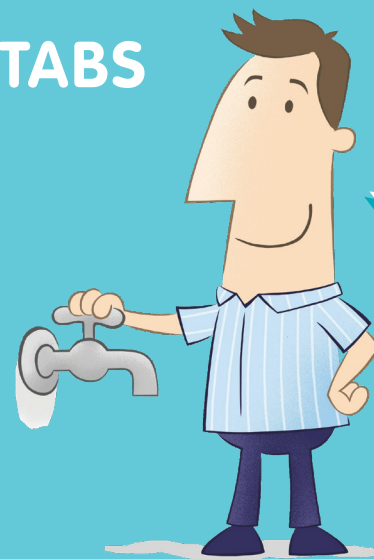
WASHING FRUITS / VEGETABLES

Save water by washing vegetables in a plugged sink or basin-not under a running tab. Reuse the water in the garden.



TABS

Repair leaks and dripping tabs. A dripping tab can waste up to 1,500 litres of water every year.



RINSING DISHES

Rinse the dishes in a plugged sink or basin-not under a running tab.



BATHROOM

Take shorter showers and turn off the water while lathering. Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up. Consider installing a water recirculator. The installation is subsidized by the government.



WASHING MACHINES

Wait for a full load before using the washing machine or dishwasher. A full load uses less water and energy than 2 half loads.



CAR WASH

Use a bucket and a sponge to clean the car instead of a hosepipe. This can save more than 300 litres of water compared to a hosepipe each time you wash the car.

CLEANING

Use a broom and a mop rather than a hose to clean verandahs, driveways and pathways and save up to 100 litres of water every time.



Water
use it
don't waste it

GARDEN

Use watering cans or trigger nozzles on hoses so that you irrigate only those areas that need it. Remove weeds as soon as they spring up - they are notorious water thieves.

