

Easy, simple ways to conserve water at home

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Top tips

A running tap can use 6 litres of water per minute.

1. **Brushing your teeth** - turn your tap on and off just as and when you need water rather than leaving the tap running.
2. **Cold water to drink** - simply fill a jug or bottles of water and keep in the fridge, so there is no need to run the cold tap until the water gets cold.
3. **Hot water** - If you need to run your tap until the water gets hot, collect the unwanted water in a saucepan or basin and use this to water your plants. If you are washing your hands or shaving just turn the tap on and off as and when you need water rather than leaving the tap running.

Following just these 3 easy, simple tips would conserve millions of litres of treated water every day.



Other simple ways to conserve water at home

Take shorter showers – one person taking just a minute less each time they shower could save up to 10,000 litres of water in a year.

Take a shower instead of a bath - an efficient shower uses less than half the amount of water that a bath uses.

Use a bowl for washing vegetables – rather than keeping a tap running, use a bowl of water to wash and prepare your vegetables, and use the leftover water for your plants.

Make full use of your washing machine - Half load programmes on washing machines often use more than half the water and energy of a full load, so wait until the machine is full before switching it on.

Lawns are great survivors - a sprinkler can use as much as 1,000 litres of clean drinking water in a single hour; more than a family of four would use in a whole day. Even when they look dry and brown, they'll spring back with the first heavy rain, so avoid watering them wherever possible. Why not re-use the water from the kids' paddling pool and water the garden with it?

Fill the kettle with only as much water as you need - This will save water and energy.

Fix leaking taps - A dripping tap can waste more than 60 litres of water per week.

