

Saving water



Reduce your **water footprint**



Make your garden **water wise**



Buy **water-efficient appliances**



Check for and **fix leaks**



Reduce **food & water waste**

Still have questions?

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Interesting facts about water:

- ✓ Earth only has 1% accessible fresh water for us to use.
- ✓ Average rainfall varies across the Falkland Islands from 450mm to 600mm.
- ✓ There is hidden water in the products we buy. A cotton t-shirt has about 2700 litres of water embedded in its production.
- ✓ A tap that leaks 1 drip per second wastes over 20 litres of water a day.
- ✓ Toilet flushes account for nearly 30% of your average water consumption per day.
- ✓ A silently leaking cistern can waste between 100 to 1000 litres of water a day.



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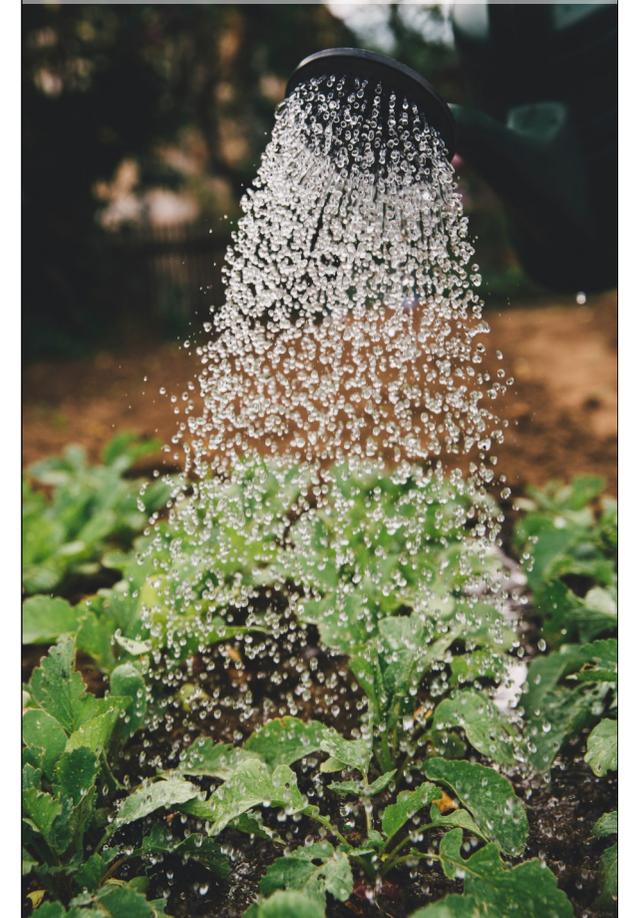


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Water Resources

Tips for saving water at home



Water-saving tips

Water is a vital source of life. With a changing environment and uncertain impacts of climate change, we can all play a role in conserving and protecting our water. Here are some simple water-saving tips we can do at home:



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In the garden:

- ✓ **Water** plants in the **early morning or evening** to reduce water lost to evaporation
- ✓ Consider watering by hand or using drip irrigation or soaker hoses that **water plants directly**
- ✓ Capture **rain water** for your garden
- ✓ Blanket soil with **mulch** to reduce evaporation; **windbreaks** can also help reduce water loss from your garden
- ✓ Plant more **native plants** which are more adapted to the climate



In the bathroom:

- ✓ **Turn off the tap** while brushing your teeth
- ✓ Only **flush** toilets **when necessary**
- ✓ Take **shorter showers** instead of baths
- ✓ Install **water-saving shower heads**
- ✓ **Fix leaky** toilets and taps
- ✓ Install **water-saving toilets**
- ✓ **Catch shower water with buckets and reuse** to flush toilets
- ✓ **Fill up** your washing machine before running it
- ✓ Wash clothes on **short cycles**
- ✓ Only **wash dirty** clothes

In the kitchen:

- ✓ Run your dishwasher on **eco-cycle** and fill it up before running it
- ✓ **Don't leave the tap running** when handwashing items
- ✓ **Reduce food waste**—this reduces water usage elsewhere



Other tips:

- ✓ Got a leak? Get it **fixed**
- ✓ **Report mains leaks** as soon as possible to PWD Water Section Emergency on call 55446
- ✓ **Drink tap water** as this uses less energy than bottled water
- ✓ Switch to **water-efficient appliances**