

SAVING WATER...

In the Bathroom

Did you know that nearly half of all water consumed in the home is used in the bathroom? 20% of that water is flushed down the toilet...

SHOWER



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- Take shorter showers - this will save water and reduce energy costs associated with heating the water. Do this by using an egg timer or stopwatch.
- Use a bucket to collect water while waiting for the shower to get hot and reuse this.
- Make sure your hot water system thermostat is not set too high. Adding cold water to reduce the temperature of hot water is wasteful.

- Check the temperature as you fill. Adding extra water to get the correct temperature after the bath is at the right level is wasteful.
- Regularly check your plug for leaks and replace as necessary.
- Bucket used bath water onto the garden, or use it to wash your car. Check that soaps and detergents in the water won't harm garden plants.

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TOILET



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- Buy a toilet with a dual-flush - this could save you 3 litres of water every time you flush.
- If you can't afford a new toilet, then consider getting a device which saves water on each flush - a Water Hippo is an example of this.
- Leaking toilet cisterns waste litres of water each day. Check for leaks by putting a few drops of food dye in the cistern. If you have a leak, coloured water will appear in the bowl before the toilet has been flushed.

- If you have a leaking tap, replace the washer or other components as required. Dripping taps can waste up to 200 litres of water per day.
- If the tap still drips, call a plumber - the cost incurred will save you money on your water bills in the long run.
- Insulate hot water pipes. This avoids wasting water while waiting for hot water to flow through and saves energy.
- Leaking taps can usually be fixed with a new washer. This is easy to do, but just remember to turn the water off at the mains before you start.

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