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Islanders Encouraged to be 'Water Wise'!

Guernsey Water is encouraging Islanders to think carefully about their water consumption and consider simple but effective ways to reduce water wastage.

The utility recently carried out an online survey to gather information about the public's water usage habits and to ascertain whether there were any examples of water wastage which could be addressed.

The survey was completed by 131 customers, and results showed that Islanders were generally sensible with their water usage. However, a few areas were identified where customers could reduce wastage; these included the use of shower timers, installing dual flush systems on toilets, using economy settings on dishwashers and washing machines, and having a water meter fitted.

Director of water services, Andrew Redhead, said: "We are generally pleased with the water usage habits of our customers, but as with anything, there is always room for improvement. Using a timer to reduce the amount of time spent in the shower is a simple and effective way of reducing water wastage, while the installation of a dual-flush system on toilets has a very short payback period."

He added: "Customers who are on a water meter will notice these reductions and will also see their water and wastewater bills reduced. Customers not on a water meter can contact us to see if they would also make savings by changing from paying by TRP to paying by metered usage - installation is free and can usually be carried out within a couple of weeks."

Guernsey Water has put together an analysis of the survey results on their website, www.water.gg. The utility has also put together an action sheet which gives further details of the savings that can be made through taking these simple measures, and also a bill comparison demonstrating how much these savings could reduce a customer's payments by.

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