

Water Management Plans

Guernsey Water has put together a Water Management Plan guidance pack, which will allow schools and businesses in the Island to make a few small changes to their water usage and enjoy much cheaper bills!

A Water Management Plan (WMP) is a simple way of identifying a number of ways in which the water efficiency of a school or business can be improved by thinking about water usage and reducing waste.

Andrew Redhead, director of water services said: "Saving water really is a virtuous cycle. By reducing water usage, people pay less for their water bills, and they also use less energy to heat the water. Guernsey Water will not have to treat so much water which will obviously reduce the amount of energy we use, and reduce our carbon footprint."

He added: "We know that people are very busy these days, and it can be hard to persuade them to make changes. However, the great thing about these plans is that they consist of very simple steps and small changes. When you add these small changes up though, the cumulative reductions and savings can be significant."

Some of these actions can be incredibly simple - fixing new washers to leaking taps could save hundreds of litres of water for the cost of a few pounds. Making sure that dishwashers are fully loaded rather than half-filled will also save water and the energy used to heat that water.

Further simple initiatives outside the building can make big differences too. Fitting a water butt to collect rainwater from the roof and then using this for watering grassy areas or cleaning pathways can save hundreds of litres of water.

The WMP guidance pack will be sent out to all schools and a selection of local businesses. Copies of the plans can also be downloaded from the Guernsey Water website at www.water.gg.

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