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Save water when building or renovating

- Fit water-efficient taps and showerhead.
- Choose a low-water-use dishwasher and clothes washer.

Reduced use of hot water will save on power, too.

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- For cool drinking water, fill a jug and keep it in the fridge. Running water to cool it down can waste 10 litres a minute.
- If you *really* want to conserve ...When running the water to get it hot, collect it in a container, let it sit, then use it to water indoor plants or the garden.

Water ... it's too precious to waste.

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Did you know? ...

Typical water use at home is about 25% in the bathroom, 25% in the kitchen and laundry, 30% for toilet flushing, and 20% outdoors – so there are water-saving opportunities everywhere!

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Five R's of smart water use

- **Reduce** – Look for ways to use less water.
- **Repair** – Fix leaks fast.
- **Retrofit** – Put aerators on taps, install a low-flow showerhead.
- **Replace** – When upgrading or building, choose a water-efficient toilet and appliances.
- **Reuse** – Catch rainwater or use water from sinks and the shower to irrigate the garden.

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Grey water (from the sink and bath) is great for in ground irrigation in the garden. Re-plumbing for this isn't that expensive. Check it out!

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How much water do you use?

Go to the Council website and check out the **SmartWaterUse** page. You can use the calculator included there to estimate you average daily household water use.

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Fix leaky taps and toilets right away – a small, regular drip could waste a hundred litres of water a week.

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Quick Tips

- Fill the sink to wash vegetables and rinse dishes.
- Do full loads in the clothes washer and dishwasher.
- Promote shorter showers and shallower baths.
- Don't run the water when brushing your teeth.
- If the toilet leaks or a tap drips, fix it right away.

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Retrofits – inexpensive and beneficial

- Install an aerator or flow restrictor on sink or basin taps.
- Install a flow restrictor on the showerhead or replace with an inexpensive low-flow model.

These small steps can reduce tap and shower flow by as much as 50 percent – and save power, too.

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