

Saving water in the home

Water is the most precious resource we have, yet we often take it for granted.

Saving water in our homes isn't hard, there are lots of simple things that we can do to make a real difference. Changing the way in which we use water around our homes is just as important as fixing leaking taps and buying water efficient appliances.

Homes Rebate Scheme

The Water Smart Homes Rebate Scheme encourages people to use water more wisely by making water saving products more affordable.

By purchasing water efficient products, such as a tap timers, dual flush toilet systems and rainwater tanks you may be eligible for a rebate.

For more information about the rebate please contact the Department of Sustainability and Environment customer service centre on 136 186 or visit the *Our Water Our Future* website at www.ourwater.vic.gov.au

Be Waterwise...it's worth it!

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Water Conservation in the Home



...running water from the Mountains to the Murray ...

Water Conservation in the Home

In the Laundry

The laundry often uses up to 20% of the water consumed in our homes.

- Wait until you have a full load before using the washing machine
- Adjust the water level to suit the size of your wash load
- If buying a new washing machine, purchase a water efficient model with a AAA rating
- When handwashing, wash clothes in a bucket and when finished use the water on the garden
- Install a greywater reuse system

In the Kitchen

Around 10% of water use in our homes occurs in the kitchen.

- Fill the dishwasher so you have a full load before using it
- Use the 'rinse hold' function on your dishwasher rather than rinsing them beforehand
- Put the plug in the sink before rinsing vegetables
- Check for leaking taps and replace washers regularly
- Use only as much water as you need in the kettle
- If buying a new dishwasher, purchase a water efficient model with a AAA rating
- When boiling vegetables use just enough water to cover them and keep the lid on the saucepan



In the Bathroom & Toilet

Most of the water, around 40%, that we use inside the home is used in the bathroom and toilet.

- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth and shaving to save 5 litres of water
- Take a shorter shower, a shower only needs to be long enough to soap up, wash and rinse off
- Install a water saving shower rose
- Use a bucket in the shower to catch the water while you wait for it to heat up, use this on the garden
- Empty your dirty bathwater onto the garden using buckets
- Replace a single flush toilet with a dual flush toilet
- Use the half flush button when flushing the toilet
- If you don't have a half flush button place a brick or a container filled with water in the cistern, this reduces the amount of water used each time you flush
- Check your toilet for leaks, a leaking toilet can waste thousands of litres of water a year

