

Top 5 tips for saving water in the kitchen

Did you know the kitchen is a major consumer of water in the home using around 10 per cent of total household water for consumption for cooking, cleaning, washing or drinking?

If you follow these simple tips you can reduce your use dramatically.

- If you have a leaking tap, replace the washer or other components as required. Dripping taps can waste 30 – 200 litres of water per day.
- Look for dishwashers that have a National Water Conservation or WELS Label. The best water rating achieved by dishwashers is 5 stars.
- To avoid wasting warm up water from a tap, collect and store it in the fridge for drinking or use it on your garden.
- Only use dishwashers when you have full load.

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WATER SAVING TIPS

Saving water
in the home





In southern Western Australia, water resources are under pressure due to reduced rainfall, increased population and other factors.

With the current pressure on Western Australia's water resources, it's time for us all to do our bit to protect and maintain them.

Did you know?

In the typical house, the use of showers, clothes washing machines and toilets can consume more than three quarters of all indoor water use. In the majority of homes, all of this quality drinking water is used once then goes to the sewer. There are now simple, low cost ways of reducing this water use whilst saving on your water costs.



Water use in the home and garden

Consider the following to reduce water use:

- Don't use drinking quality water to water your garden. Use bore water and/or water recycled from showers and clothes washing machines (grey water).
- Use covers on swimming pools and spas, to reduce evaporation. Evaporation can remove more water from a pool per year than toilet use in a home.
- A home can be cooled in summer using good orientation, window shading, natural ventilation and fans. This could remove the need for an air conditioner, particularly evaporative, where large amounts of water are used.
- All new houses must adhere to the building code of Australia for water efficiency. These codes can also be used when renovating to help create a more waterwise home.
- Install flow control aerators on taps. They are inexpensive and can reduce water flow by 50 per cent.

Find out more

For more information visit the Department of Health website www.public.health.wa.gov.au/3/667/2/greywater_water.pm and contact your local council's Environmental Health Officer for approval.



What you can do to help?

- **Buy and install water smart fittings and appliances in the kitchen, bathroom and laundry.** Low flow showers and taps, systems that store colder water while the hot tap is reaching the desired temperature, toilets with lower flush volumes, waterless toilets, front loading washing machines etc are all modern ways of saving on water use and cost.
- **Consider installing rainwater tanks.** The stored water can be used in a number of ways. Not only can it be used on the garden but rainwater tanks can be plumbed into the toilets and reduce the use of high-quality treated scheme water for flushing.
- **Install a waterwise garden and/or irrigation system.** The garden and irrigation system can be designed to minimize water use. Contact the Water Corporation's "Being Waterwise" www.watercorporation.com.au
- **Use products and services with the Smart Approved WaterMark label.** This is a water saving program for outdoor water use and ensures any product bearing the label will save water.
- Visit www.smartwatermark.org for more information