



waterwise

Queensland

How to be waterwise



How to be

Inside



Bathroom

- ◆ Install a 3-star (or better) water-rated showerhead—a great way to reduce water flow and water consumption.
- ◆ Take shorter showers—a shower can use up to 10.6 litres per minute.
- ◆ Install a dual-flush toilet—you can save up to 7.4 litres of water every flush.
- ◆ Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth—you can save 3.3 litres of water per minute.



Kitchen

- ◆ A water efficient dishwasher uses less water than hand washing—you can save up to 8 litres per wash.
- ◆ Turn off the tap when rinsing vegetables—rinse them in a bowl of clean water or a plugged sink.
- ◆ Keep drinking water in the fridge—running the tap until it is cool wastes up to 18 litres per minute.



Laundry

- ◆ Front-loading washing machines generally use half the water of top-loading machines.
- ◆ Install a 4-star (or better) water-rated washing machine.

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Outside



Garden

- ◆ Plan carefully—select the right plants, group them together according to their water needs and create wind breaks.
- ◆ Improve your soil—adding organic matter (compost or manure) improves the soil's ability to hold moisture.
- ◆ Fertilise modestly—fertiliser promotes growth but also increases the plant's moisture requirements.
- ◆ Control weeds—weeds are water thieves.
- ◆ Mulch generously—it reduces water loss by up to 70 per cent, improves your soil and discourages weeds.
- ◆ Use greywater from bathrooms and laundries only when the garden needs watering as over-watering may damage plants and soil structure.
- ◆ Lawns can survive on minimal water. Delay watering and mowing to encourage a strong and deep root system.



Around the home

- ◆ Install a suitable and approved rainwater tank. A minimum tank capacity of 3000 litres is recommended for external uses and 5000 litres for toilet flushing, laundry and outdoor uses.
- ◆ Fix leaking taps and pipes—you can save up to 260 litres per day.
- ◆ Fit flow devices in taps—you can save up to nine litres per minute.



Pool

- ◆ A properly fitted pool blanket stops 97 per cent of evaporation if used effectively.

› Cash rebates for water savers



The Home and Garden WaterWise Rebate Schemes are Queensland Government incentive packages designed to help Queenslanders make their homes and gardens more water efficient—every drop is precious!

You can apply for cash rebates for rainwater tanks, dual-flush toilet suites, washing machines, showerheads, swimming pool covers and/or rollers, greywater systems and garden products.

For more information on rebates and an application form visit www.nrw.qld.gov.au/water or phone 1800 243 585.

Check with your local council for further rebates on water-efficient products.

› Water restrictions

Many local councils have imposed water restrictions for gardens. Contact your local council for details.