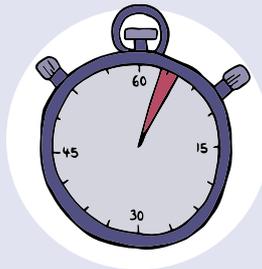


# WAYS TO SAVE WATER IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

**ONLY 87L** water usage per person per day



Only flush when **necessary**.  
Don't use it as a dustbin.  
*'If it's yellow let it mellow.  
If it's brown, flush it down.'*



Take a short **2-minute shower**.  
A standard (non-water-saving)  
showerhead can use as much  
as 16 litres per minute.



Switch to an **efficient showerhead** which uses no more than 10 litres per minute.



Collect your shower, bath and basin water and **re-use** it to flush your toilet, for the garden and car cleaning.



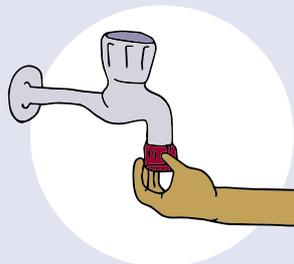
**Wait for a full load** before running washing machines and dishwashers. The rinse water from some washing machines can be re-used for the next wash cycle.



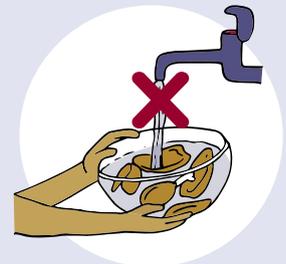
**Use a cup** instead of running taps in the bathroom or kitchen for brushing teeth, shaving, drinking etc.



Upgrade to a **multi-flush toilet** and/or put a **water displacement item** in the cistern which can **halve your water use** per flush.



Fit taps with **aerators or restrictors** to **reduce flow** to no more than 6 litres per minute.



**Defrost foods** in the fridge or **naturally** rather than placing it under running water.



Greywater use has some health and hygiene risks to be avoided. Keep hands and surface areas sanitised/disinfected.



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# FIND AND FIX LEAKS

Leaks can waste a lot of water, especially if they are undetected or underground and left for a long time.

Leaks on your property are your responsibility.

Here is a guide to finding and fixing them quickly, to save water and save you money.

## How to check for leaks on your property

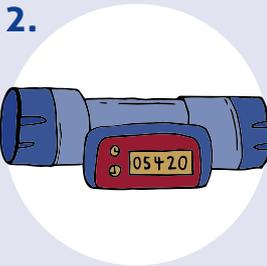
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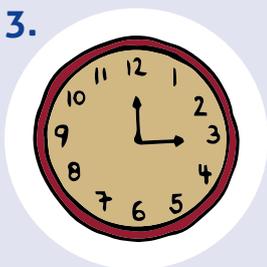
Close all taps on the property and do not flush the toilet.

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### CHECK AND RECORD YOUR METER READING

3.



### WAIT 15 MINUTES AND TAKE ANOTHER READING

Make sure that nobody has opened a tap or flushed since you first noted the meter reading.

4.



### IF THERE IS A DIFFERENCE, YOU HAVE A LEAK TO FIX.

If the number on the meter has increased, it means you have a leak and you need to take action.

5.



### CALL A PLUMBER TO HELP FIX THE LEAK.

Unless it is a simple DIY job.

## 3 Simple test for a toilet leak

One leaking toilet wastes between 2600 and 13000 litres per month, depending on the flow rate of the leak. A leaking tap wastes between about 400 and 2600 litres per month.

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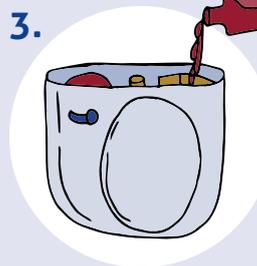
Listen for water trickling into the toilet bowl.

2.



Press a piece of the toilet paper against the inside back surface of the bowl. If it gets wet, you probably have a leak.

3.



Put 15 drops of food colouring into the toilet cistern. If after 15 minutes the water in the toilet bowl has changed colour, there is a leak.

If you can't afford to call a plumber to fix a serious toilet problem, use the little stopcock/ 'angle valve' tap at the base of the toilet to keep it turned off between flushes.



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