

Tips on how to be water efficient in your home

Did you know that heating water for domestic consumption is the second largest user of energy in your home after central heating?

Small changes in your home and everyday behavior can go a long way to reduce your water bills, energy bills and your impact on the environment.

Fill your kettle with only as much water as you need.



Always do full loads in your washing machine or your dishwasher.

- Take a short shower instead of a bath
- Install a low flow showerhead
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth
- Always put the plug in the basin when washing or shaving

If you do not have a modern dual flush toilet, fit a save-a-flush device to your cistern. See our website.

Use a bowl or put the plug in the sink when hand washing dishes or washing your fruit and vegetables.



Can you meet the challenge? Simple changes can save you money.

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How much water do you use?

Calculate your household's water use by filling in the boxes below

Activity	Average amount of water used (litres)	x	Uses per day	=	Daily total (litres)
Bathroom					
Bath	80	x		=	
Power shower (with pump to increase pressure)	70	x		=	
Ordinary Shower	35	x		=	
Old toilet cistern (<i>deduct 1 litre per flush if the cistern is fitted with a water saving device</i>)	9	x		=	
New low volume cistern	6	x		=	
Hand washing and teeth cleaning (per person per day)	10	x		=	
If carried out with tap left running (per person per day)	15	x		=	
Bathroom					
Using a washing machine (full or not)	80	x		=	
If you use the half load option	60	x		=	
Using a water efficient model	55	x		=	
Using a dishwasher	35	x		=	
If you use the half load option	20	x		=	
Using a water efficient model	22	x		=	
Washing dishes by hand	6	x		=	
Cooking and drinking (per person per day)	10	x		=	

*Average use per person per day (c) = (a) ÷ (b).

Your household's daily total (a)

Number of people in the house (b)

Amount per person per day (c)*

? How does your 'score' compare to the UK average of 150 litres per person per day?

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To find water-efficient products to help you save water, energy and the environment visit our website: <http://www.bournemouthwater.co.uk/how-to-save-water>