

Rethink water use at home to reduce and reuse

Water is a precious resource. We're encouraging our customers to rethink their water use with these simple tips.

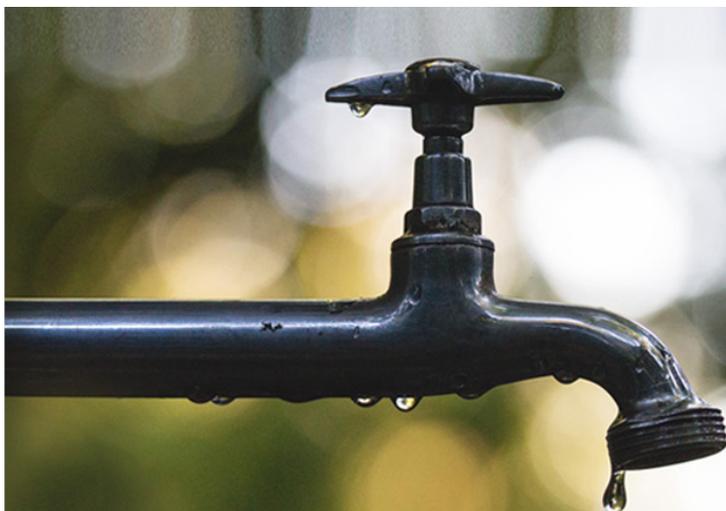


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OUTSIDE



- In just one hour, a **hose running** at full volume can **use up to 2000 litres**. That's enough to fill up 28 baths.
- **Try using your sprinkler for only 30 minutes.** Using it for over an hour can equal the same amount of water a family would use in one day.
- **Water your garden before 6am or after 9pm** when it's cooler and not windy, otherwise the water can evaporate before being used by the plants.
- Like to water your lawn? **Wash your car on the grass** as the water used from washing the car will get both jobs done with **half the amount of water used**.
- **Mulch your garden** – it conserves soil water and reduces evaporation **up to 70%**.
- Keep outdoor **pools and spas covered** to prevent debris collection and reduce evaporation.
- **Plant your garden in watering zones**, known as hydro zoning. Grouping plants that require similar amounts of water will help you control your water use.
- Save water by **cleaning paved areas with a broom or rake**, rather than hosing them down.
- **Mow your lawns on the highest setting.** Longer grass won't dry out as much as the leaf shades the soil. **Little and often is the way to go.**
- Use a **trigger attachment** on the **end of garden hoses** to ensure water is only used where and when it's required.
- **Save your food scraps** for a compost pile or worm farm, rather than a waste disposal unit. Garbage disposal units use about **30 litres of water per day** and send a lot of extra rubbish into the sewers. This places an additional strain on sewerage treatment plants.



 **RETHINKING**
Sustainability 

It's with yesterday's old
That we build a new tomorrow.