

Save water in your garden

There are plenty of ways you can save water around your home and in your garden.
Use this quick checklist to help you reduce your water consumption.



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Indoors

- ☐ Save water (and energy) by limiting showers to five minutes. Use a timer to keep track of time.
- ☐ While waiting for water to warm (in showers, baths, sinks, etc.), collect the cold water for use in the garden.
- ☐ Install a water-saving showerhead in the bathroom. Look for the WELS rating when purchasing. (The higher the rating, the less water it uses.)
- ☐ Look for a dishwasher with a high WELS rating. Turn on the dishwasher only when you have a full load.
- ☐ Ensure that all toilets in the home are dual flush.
- ☐ Fix leaky taps.

Outdoors

- ☐ Add mulch and compost to the garden to help retain moisture and minimise the need for watering.
- ☐ Use water-saving products in the garden. Soaker hoses and dripper systems help release water slowly, reducing the risk of run-off. Soil wetters help absorb water and reduce run-off.
- ☐ Water your garden at the coolest time of the morning to prevent evaporation.
- ☐ Install water-saving taps or flow restrictors.

- ☐ Use a tap timer to help monitor how long you're running your watering systems for. A smart timer will allow you to dynamically adjust watering schedules based on the weather forecast.
- ☐ If you have a pool or spa, cover it when not in use to prevent water evaporation.

Water harvesting

- ☐ Install a water tank to harvest your rainwater for use in appliances or the garden.
- ☐ Install a grey water diverter hose to your washing machine and drain the water into a bucket or directly into your garden. Check with your council before setting up a grey water system, as each state has compliance regulations regarding treatment and diversion systems.
- ☐ The use of grey water and recycled water is becoming more prevalent throughout Australia. It is a legal requirement to ensure you are adhering to compliance regulations and using the correct products. (For example, purchasing purple recycled watering products helps people identify that the water is not safe for drinking.)