

WATER

Fast facts

- Each person typically uses 150 litres of water per day.
- Running taps can waste over 6 litres of water per minute.
- Repairing a dripping tap could save over 5,000 litres of water per year.
- A 5-minute shower typically uses 35 litres of water, which increases to 70 litres for power showers. Comparatively a bath takes 80 litres of water, though will last more than 5 minutes, usually.

Top tips - What could you do?

- Regularly check for and repair dripping taps.
- Install water saving mechanisms, such as tap aerators, flow restrictors and spray taps. This could save 10 litres of water per minute and reduce water usage by 70%.
- Install automatic shut-off taps in public washrooms.
- Reduce cistern flush capacity for toilets to 6 litres at a maximum, by fitting Hippos or even filled plastic bottles.
- Dual-flush mechanisms can give toilet users the choice of 2 flush volumes.
- Make sure to adjust the hot water thermostat to 60°C, which is sufficient to kill Legionella bacteria and warm enough for daily use.
- Consider collecting and using rain-water for watering ground and plants and for cleaning equipment.

