

Conserving water

Saving water, saving energy, saving money

Water is a precious natural resource. The more you use, the more water companies have to take from the environment which leads to higher costs. Saving water saves energy and money.



Consider switching to a water meter

Households with a water meter tend to use less water per person on average than those homes that pay fixed, unmeasured charges. By using CCWater's water meter calculator you can see whether switching to a water meter could help you save water and money. If there are more bedrooms in your home than occupants it is certainly worth checking – in some cases making the switch can save customers in excess of £100 a year.



Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth

Several litres of water can run to waste in the 60 seconds it takes to brush your teeth. Over the course of a year that could be as much as 1,000 litres for each person.



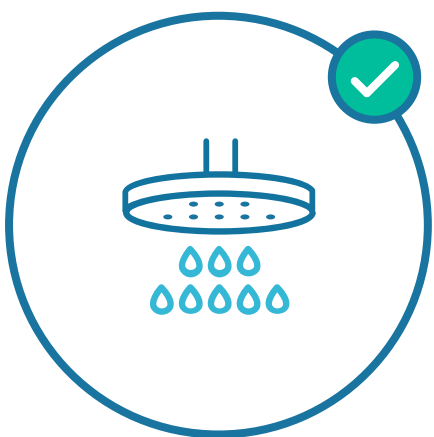
Get a dual flush toilet

About a quarter of the water a person uses is through flushing the toilet. If changing your toilet is not an option a simple alternative could be to ask your water company about using a Hippo water saving device.



Replace washers on leaky taps

A dripping tap in your home can waste over 5,000 litres of water a year – enough to fill a paddling pool every week of the summer. If you are on a water meter it could also add over £18 to your annual water bill.



Install a water-saving shower head

These clever devices can cut the amount of water used by about 30 per cent. Most water companies offer a wide range water saving devices so give them a call to find out more.



Opt for full loads when using your washing machine/dishwasher

Make sure that your dishwasher and washing machine is full before turning it on to save water and energy. Avoid using the half load settings which use much more than half the energy and water of a full load.



Water your garden early in the morning or evening

Avoid the loss of water through evaporation by watering your garden in the cool of the early morning or evening. This will reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation.