



TOILET

- Ensure that all cistern washers are in proper working order.
- Make use of plastic bottles in the toilet tank to save water when flushing.



- Always check for leaks. A little food colouring in the toilet tank can indicate to you that there is a leak if the colouring shows up in the toilet bowl.
- Avoid using the toilet as a waste basket where cigarettes and paper are thrown away. A lot of water is wasted through constant flushing.
- Do not use newspaper in place of toilet paper as this causes blockages and often results in multiple flushes.



FIXING LEAKS

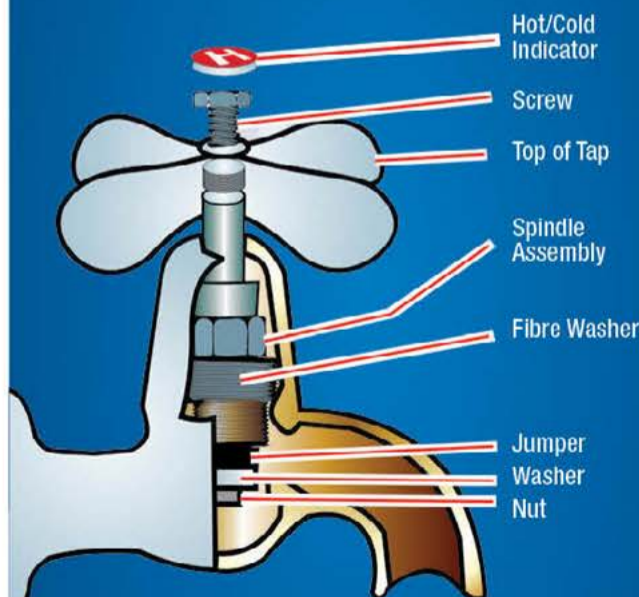
Fixing basic leaks in the home can save a lot of water ensuring that water is available to all people. It may not seem important but when each person does a little to save this precious resource it goes a long way.

The most common problem in the home is leaking taps and often this is caused by worn out tap washers.



CHANGING A TAP WASHER

Shut off the water supply at the stopcock and make sure that no water is coming out of the tap by turning the tap to the open position – water should stop running within a minute or two.



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- Remove hot/cold indicator if present
- Remove top screw
- Remove tap
- Unscrew the tap cover
- Loosen the head with an adjustable spanner
- Remove the head from the body
- Unscrew the washer nut
- Remove the old washer and attach a new one
- Secure the washer with the nut
- Replace the head and tap cover
- Turn the water supply back on
- Turn the tap on and off to test that it does not drip



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GREY WATER

- Grey water is waste water from bathtubs, showers, bathroom sinks, washing machines, kitchen sinks, dish washers and anywhere else in the home except the toilet.
- This water can be used instead of fresh water to garden or the lawn and can help to save water.



- You must be careful that the water does not contain any strong, harmful chemicals that may damage the plants or endanger health. Don't water your vegetable garden with grey water.



DID YOU KNOW?

A tap left running for an hour can waste up to 1,200 litres of water. This is the same as wasting 600 large bottles of coke.



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BATHROOM

- If possible use the shower instead of bath.



- Take shorter baths and avoid refilling the bath when the water runs cold.



- Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth.



- When washing your face or shaving put a little water in a plugged sink for rinsing. Don't rinse under a running tap.
- Plug the bath before running the tap if the water is cold so starts with simply balance the temperature by adding hot water.



KITCHEN

- Wash your vegetables in a bowl not under a running tap.



- Wash dishes in a close sink don't leave the tap open.
- Keep a bottle of cold water in the fridge to drink, especially in summer, to avoid running the tap while waiting for the water to become cold.
- Thaw frozen food in a refrigerator and not under a running tap.
- Leave your pots and pans to soak in a little water don't scrub them under a running tap.



WASHING & CLEANING

- Wash clothes in a wash tub not under a running tap.



- Use the washing machine only for a full load of washing.
- Don't use a hosepipe to clean pathways. Use a broom instead.



- If possible wash the car on your lawn and water the lawn at the same time.
- When washing the car use a bucket instead of a hosepipe.





DID YOU KNOW?

Don't love your plants to death. Over watering can damage your plants and hinder their growth. The soil can't also absorb all the excess water from the long hours of watering. Remember... Wise gardening = happy plants.

You can use up to 50% more water on a hot day just from watering the garden with a hosepipe which can leave little to no water for emergencies such as fire. Some consumers are left without water during the day due to others watering their grass with hose pipes or sprinklers. Do the right thing, save water and save your community.

PLEASE DO NOT USE A HOSE PIPE.

You can save up to 26 buckets of water in 1 hour by using a watering can instead of a hose pipe.



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WATER WISE GARDENING



GARDENING

- Water plants between 6pm and 8pm to avoid the midday heat and avoid causing problems during peak demand periods.



- Use a watering can instead of a hose pipe.



- Your garden does not need watering everyday especially after a rainy day.
- Letting the grass turn yellow in winter produces healthier grass in the long run. It is natural and healthy for the grass to lose its colour during the winter months.

- Leaving the hose pipe running drowns the plants and causes them to grow with shallow roots.



- Cover your soil with leaves, bark, straw or compost to keep the soil moist and save time on watering plants.
- In winter, plants need less water which is a great opportunity to save.
- Use a rainwater tank to save water for garden irrigation.



- Rid your garden of weeds, they waste water too.



- If your lawn bounces back when you step on it, it does not need watering.
- Don't water the garden or lawn when it is windy, the water floats away without reaching the plants.



- Group your plants according to their water needs. Place water loving plants in shaded areas to reduce the amount of water that evaporates. This will help you cut down on garden watering.
- Our local plants are beautiful and water efficient. Try planting drought tolerant plants in your garden and see how beautiful it will look.