

Do you have a water efficient household

Everyone in the family can save thousands of litres of water at home. Don't let it go down the drain.

Use less than 150 litres of water per person.

- ✓ Save water
- ✓ Save energy
- ✓ Save money
- ✓ Help the environment



A table like this one is on your water account

Average Daily Usage		Average Daily Cost
Same period last year	Current period	In current period
250 L/day	220 L/day	\$ /day

Divide the litres per day by the number of people –  – that live in your house

How does your household compare?

Compare your average daily water use with the table below to see if you are a water efficient household.

Number of Occupants	Typical water use [^] LITRES PER DAY	Efficient water use LITRES PER DAY
	198	150
	354	270
	458	390
	552	500
	656	620
	781	740

For ways to make your home more water efficient, visit www.savewater.com.au

[^] Usage percentages are estimates only. The remaining 30-35% is estimated outside under Permanent Water Saving Rules.

Conduct a simple water audit to identify where savings can be made within your home or business.

Summary of your daily average use

Appliances	Litres Used	Actions to reduce consumption	Estimated savings made
Taps			
Dishwasher			
Water filters			
Hot water urns			
Bath/Shower			
Washing machine			
Toilets			
Air conditioners			
Other			
TOTAL			

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This will provide an indication as to the savings that can be made.

Dripping Tap	10 litres per day
Dual flush toilet	Half flush = 3 litres per day Full flush = 6 litres per day
Single flush toilet	10 litres per day
Old dishwasher	60 litres per load
Water efficient dishwasher	40 litres per load
Top loading washing machine	180 litres per load
Front loading washing machine	90 litres per load
Air conditioners & evaporative coolers	20-30 litres every hour of operation
Water efficient showerhead	10 litres per minute
Old showerhead	20 litres per minute
Bath	Up to 150 litres

Reading your water meter

Check exactly how much water your home or business is using each day by reading your water meter. Take two readings 24 hours apart and subtract one meter reading from the other. The black digits record the number of kilolitres (1 kilolitre = 1,000 litres). The white digits record the total number of litres. For example:

Meter 1

			8	9	4	7	2
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Meter 2

			8	9	4	7	2	1
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The display on your water meter will be one of the two shown above. **Meter 1** reads 89.472 kilolitres or 89,472 litres. **Meter 2** reads 89.4721 kilolitres or 89,472.1 litres. Essentially these readings are the same however the second type has a greater degree of accuracy.

TIP: Check the dials on your meter when no water is being used on the premises. If the meter continues to move, you may have a water leak. Call a plumber immediately.



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