



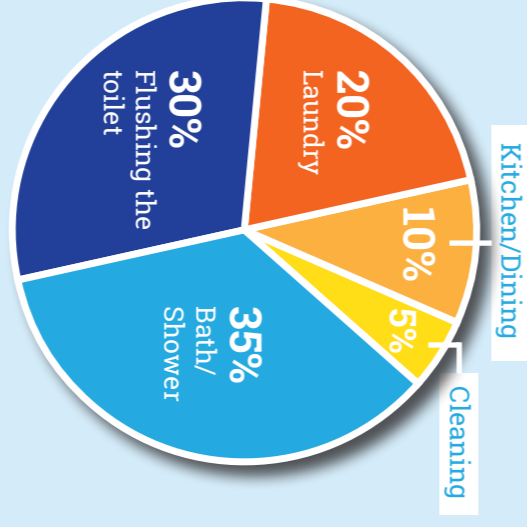
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Tiaki Ii Water conservation



Where is water used?



Why should I care about saving water?

On average, a New Zealand household uses 500 litres of water every day. That's over 2,000 cups! The chart above shows where this water is used. If you're on a Council supply, your water comes from streams or bores. The water is treated, then sent to you through a network of pipes. The more water we need to treat, the higher the cost. Saving water saves money and helps the environment at the same time. There are number of things we can do to reduce the amount of water we use in the house - see if there's anything more that you could be doing.

For more tips and hints on water conservation, have a look at our Council website www.southtaranaki.com



To find out more about conserving water, scan the QR to the left with your smart phone, or visit www.southtaranaki.com/water-conservation



Contact us

Contact South Taranaki District Council for more information by calling (06) 278 0555 or tollfree 0800 111 323. You can also email us on contact@stdc.govt.nz

- ### Some more quick tips
- If you own an outdoor swimming pool, make sure to cover it with a pool cover when not in use, reducing water evaporation by 90%.
 - Do not use water to wash your driveway unless absolutely necessary, use a broom to sweep off the leaves.
 - By simply having a shower instead of a bath, you could save up to 160L of water!
 - Lastly, think wisely about the environment and do not waste water. Water is a natural resource which is precious and most essential to life.

Fixing leaks

Water leaks are a major factor which contribute to large amounts of water loss around properties. Repair any leaks on your property as soon as you notice them. A leaking toilet might waste thousands of litres of water. A dripping tap can easily waste 3 litres of water every day! If a leak is on the property side of a water connection, it is the responsibility of the property owner to fix it. If a leak is on the Council side of the connection, we will have it fixed. If you see a leak, please call us on **0800 111 323** so we know about it and can arrange to have it repaired.



Water your garden wisely

Don't water the garden in the middle of the day as the sun will evaporate it! Water your plants in the early hours of the morning or in the evening just before it gets dark outside, preferably with a handheld hose, or watering can.

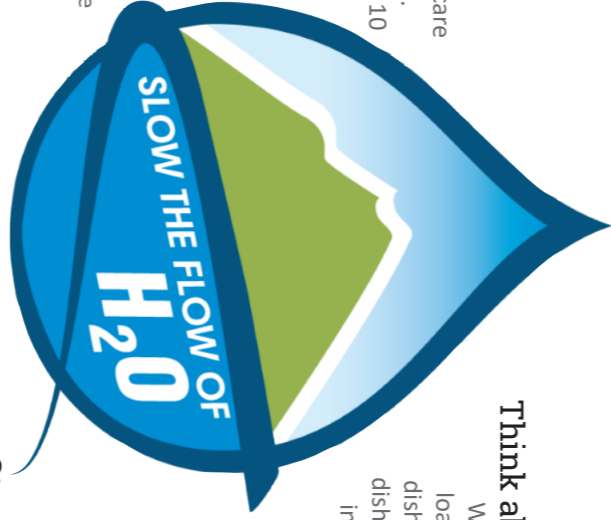


Avoid using sprinklers

Sprinklers use large amounts of water. If a sprinkler is left going for an hour, it uses up to 1000 litres of water which is a huge waste. Use sprinklers sparingly, and make sure they are on timers to reduce unnecessary waste.



How do I save water?



Think about your dishes

Wait until you have a full load before you turn your dishwasher on. Don't rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher unless necessary.



Put a plug in it!

Put a plug in the sink when washing vegetables instead of washing them under a running tap.



Store drinking water

Store your drinking water in a large container in your fridge or in a cool, dry place. By removing the need to run the tap each time you fill up, you could save up to 2 litres of water per glass, which quickly adds up!



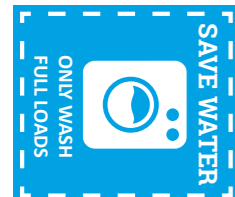
Install a rainwater tank

Installation of a rainwater tank is a way to make the best use of the rainwater as this can be used in the garden, flushing the toilets and so much more. If the rainwater goes through a treatment process then it can also be safe to drink.



Learn about your laundry

Laundry accounts for 20% of water in an average household. Remember - a bath towel can usually be used more than once before washing. If you must do a half load, adjust water level or use economy settings. **Did you know** - Front loaders use 70% less water.



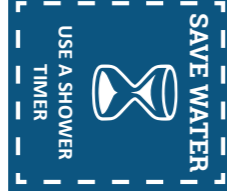
Turn it off!

In between your daily toothbrushing and skincare routine, turn off the tap. Running taps can waste 10 litres of water a minute.



Efficient appliances

If possible, choose water (and energy) efficient appliances. Look for the label - the more stars, the better!



Shower timer

Get into the habit of using a shower timer, this will help to minimize the water usage from long showers. You can get a free shower timer from your local Libraryplus or the main council office.



Install a water saving shower head

By replacing your old shower head, you can actually get more pressure and use less water! These can be bought from your local hardware or plumbing store.



Install a dual flush toilet or put a weight in your cistern

By doing this, you reduce the amount of water that is flushed away. Find out more about what you can use as a weight at www.southtaranaki.com/waterconservation

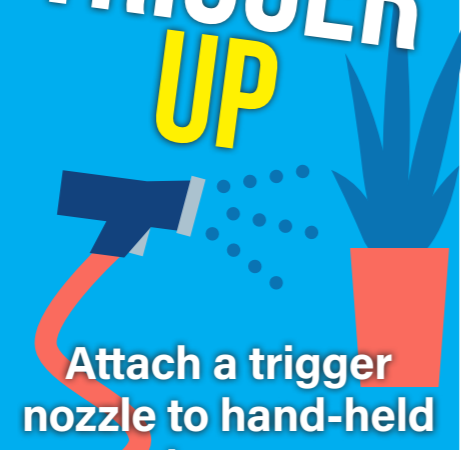
12 easy ways to save water

DUSK OR DAWN



Water your garden before 8am and after 6pm

TRIGGER UP



Attach a trigger nozzle to hand-held hoses

RAINING? TANK IT



Install a rainwater tank

FIX ANY LEAKS



Fix dripping taps and leaks around your property

WASH WISELY



Wash vehicles on the lawn. Use a bucket

PUT IN THE PLUG



Wash fruit and veges in the sink instead of under a running tap

TURN OFF THE TAP



Turn off tap while brushing teeth and shaving

LINE UP THE STARS



Choose water efficient appliances. More stars = savings

SHOWER SMART



Install a water saving shower head. Aim for shorter showers

CHOOSE TO MULCH



Put mulch around trees and shrubs to keep in moisture

STOP THE DRIP



Make sure you shut off your taps properly

FILL IT UP!



Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry



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