

TOP 10 WAYS TO USE WATER WISELY THIS SUMMER

LEAKS:

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Find and fix leaks.

High water use could mean you have an undetected, expensive leak. Check your meter regularly to identify leaks, and get them fixed quickly. See the City's simple guides to help.

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Don't flush in a rush. Only flush when necessary and do not use your toilet as a dustbin. New or replaced toilet cisterns may not exceed 6 litres for each flush.

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Take short, stop-start showers or small baths. The maximum flow rate of new and replaced showerheads may not exceed 7 litres per minute.

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Wash more with less, for laundry and dishes. Only wash clothes and dishes (pots, cups, etc.) when really needed. Wait for a full load before using washing machines and dishwashers. Hand-washing and spot-cleaning can use less water.

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Turn off the tap when not using the water e.g. use a cup for shaving and brushing your teeth.

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Close the hose, when washing the car. Hosepipes for washing vehicles, boats and caravans must be fitted with an automatic self-closing device. Stop-start your spray as you need it or bucket-wash your vehicle.

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Stop-start and don't waste the spray. Use a controlling device at the end of the hose, like a sprayer (see left) or automatic self-closing device (see photo in 6 above).

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Beat the heat loss. Only water before 09:00 or after 18:00 to avoid evaporation losses.

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Keep summer fun water wise. Supervise very carefully the use of water for children's play and cooling down in hot summer months, e.g. use a wet cloth to cool down hot skin, and avoid the wasteful spraying of water.

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Swim, cover, save, repeat. Built-in and fold-away pools must be covered when not in use to prevent up to 95% of evaporation loss. This saves water and money. Recycle the backwash, and top up with rainwater or alternative water wherever possible.

INDOORS:

OUTDOORS:



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