

WAYS TO SAVE WATER AT HOME

Cape Town has a shortage of water and water restrictions are in place. Together, we can help save as much water as possible by following these simple water saving tips:



Water your garden before 9am or after 4pm, or even later on hot days. Avoid watering on windy days.



Collect your bath water and sink rinse water in a bucket and use it to water your plants and lawn.



Watering the garden less, but for longer to encourage a deeper root system, which results in stronger plants.



Make sure washing machines or dishwashers have a full load before running them. Rinse water from certain washing machines can be reused for the next wash cycle.



Defrost foods in the fridge or microwave rather than placing it under running water.



Close the tap when brushing your teeth and use a mug of water to rinse your toothbrush.



Shower rather than bath, as a half-filled bath uses about 113 litres and a 5-minute shower uses about 56 litres.



Use a broom instead of a hose to clean paved areas and hardened surfaces.



Take shorter showers. A standard showerhead can use as much as 16 litres per minute.



Fix leaks immediately. Leaking taps, showerheads and toilets can waste large amounts of water.

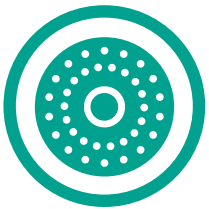


Ensure all taps are fully closed as a dripping tap can waste up to 30 litres a day.



Turn off the water after hours and if you are away on holiday to save water and money.

BY INVESTING A LITTLE MONEY, YOU CAN SAVE A LOT OF WATER



Fit taps with water-saving devices. Tap aerators can reduce the flow of water to as little as 6 litres per minute.



Switch to a water efficient showerhead. This can save as much as 10 litres of water per minute.



During hot weather, pool levels drop. A pool cover will reduce evaporation and save water, as you won't need to top up your pool as frequently.



Older toilets can use more water per flush. Converting to a multi-flush system or retrofitting can halve your water use per flush.