



smartwateruse™

... at home

There are lots of simple things we can do around home to use less water. Any one action may not seem like much, but they all add up and can make a big difference.



Indoors

- Plug the sink when washing vegetables; turn the tap off when brushing your teeth.
- Take shorter showers and shallower baths – go for the famous '4-minute' shower!
- Do full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.
- Fix a leaky toilet or dripping tap without delay – a dripping tap can waste 100 litres a week.
- Install inexpensive low-flow devices on taps and showers – they'll save water, power and money!

Outdoors

- Use a broom to clean paths and driveways; put water in a bucket to wash the car.
- Use a trigger nozzle on the garden hose to shut off water when you don't need it – a hose left running can waste up to 15 litres a minute.
- If you water the garden, do it in the early morning or evening to reduce evaporation.
- Use lots of mulch on the garden – it can reduce evaporation by as much as 70%.
- Check taps, pipes and connections regularly for possible leaks.



Water ... it's too precious to waste.

SmartWaterUse is a collaborative campaign of all councils around the Waikato region – working together to help conserve water.