

Water saving tips

Wasting this precious resource has a real impact on the environment, not to mention your energy bills.

Here's what you need to know:

Managing your hot water

- Insulating your hot water tank and any exposed hot water pipes could save **£24** a year on energy bills.
- Set your controls to give you enough hot water at the right temperature when you want it. We suggest a minimum temperature of 60 degrees.
- Hot water accounts for **12%** of a typical household's energy bill.
- Set your washing machine to 30 degrees to use around **57%** less electricity than washing at higher temperatures.

What else can you do to save water?

- When replacing your dishwasher or washing machine, look for products with a Water Efficient Product Label or Waterwise Recommended checkmark.
- Make sure that the dishwasher and washing machine are full before you use them.
- Fitting a dual flush on your toilet saves around 8,000 litres of water per year in a four-person household.
- Don't leave taps running – you could be wasting 11 litres a minute while brushing your teeth or doing the washing up.
- Stop dripping taps by changing washers when they wear out – leaks could waste over 5,000 litres a year!
- Watch out for power showers – these often use more water than a full bath.

For more water saving tips visit energysavingtrust.org.uk/domestic/simple-ways-to-save-water-at-home