

# 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 with jacket top-up and any exposed hot water pipes could save £50 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 fourperson 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.

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