

Fact Sheet



Use less water:

- By making your daily shower just one minute shorter you can save nine litres of water each day.
- Check for leaking taps, pipes – one leaky tap can waste 2,000 litres a month.
- Install water efficient taps, showerheads, toilets and dishwashers. A 3 star/AAA rating showerhead can save you up to 10 litres a minute.
- Wait for a full load of washing before using your washing machine. Every load less saves 14 buckets of water.
- Water restrictions may have eased but washing your car with a bucket instead of a hose will save the equivalent of eight buckets of water.
- Plant drought tolerant plants in your garden – not only do they look great, they're low maintenance as well.
- Mulch garden beds to help keep soil moist for longer which allows you to water less frequently.
- If you need to water regularly install a drip irrigation system to ensure you only water the areas that need it.
- Use a cover on your pool to reduce evaporation and keep the water cleaner.
- Use a broom or rake to clean hard services like driveways and footpaths.
- Install a Permanent Greywater System for watering your garden. The Federal Government offers a rebate through its National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative. For more information on the rebate please visit www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/nrgi
- Install a Rainwater Tank – both Sydney Water and the federal Government offer rebates. For more information please visit www.sydneywater.com.au/Savingwater/InYourGarden/RainwaterTanks