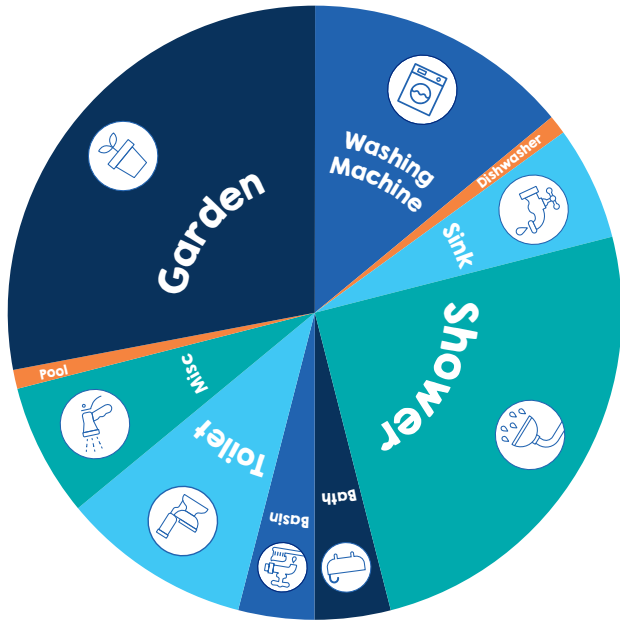


Why save water?

Hunter Water estimates that each person in the Hunter uses around 200 litres of water per day.



Source: Hunter Water



Hunter Water usage calculator



COMPARE

To find out how your families water usage compares to other households in the Hunter, scan the QR code below to link to the Hunter Water usage calculator.

The calculator will provide a summary of your households water usage and provide tips on reducing your household water use.



Saving water in and around your home



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How much water do I use?

Toilet	11 litres per single flush 4.5/3 litres per dual flush
Bath	An average bath uses 110 litres
Shower	Older shower heads use 10 litres per minute Water efficient shower heads use 6 to 7 litres per minute
Dishwashing by hand	15 litres per wash
Washing Machine	A front loader uses 65 litres per load A top loader uses 110 litres per load
Hand basin	4 litres per minute
Tap running while cleaning teeth	4 litres per minute
Watering the garden with a hose	15 litres per minute
Using a garden sprinkler	999 litres per hour
Washing the car with a hose	99 to 189 litres per day
Dripping tap	27 to 198 litres per day
Leaking pipe	99 litres per day from a 1.5mm hole
Average Dishwasher	12 litres per load

Source: Sydney Water

Saving water in your home



GENERAL HINTS

- Repair leaking taps as soon as they are identified.
- Install flow restrictors to taps to reduce the flow rate of water.
- Insulate hot water taps so that they deliver hot water to you quickly.

IN THE KITCHEN

- Use a plugged sink to wash fruit and vegetables rather than a running tap.
- Only use the dishwasher when there is a full load to be washed. Alternatively set the load setting appropriately to wash half loads.
- When washing the dishes by hand do not rinse them under a running tap. Instead plug the sink for rinsing.
- Place a jug of water in the fridge to reduce the amount of water wasted as you wait for the tap water to go cold each time you want a cool drink.
- Cook vegetables in the microwave rather than over the stovetop in a pot of water as microwaving only needs a small amount of water.



IN THE BATHROOM AND LAUNDRY

- Install a low flow shower head and take shorter showers. Hunter Water recommends a four minute shower. Check out their four minute Spotify play lists to help stick to time.
- Do not leave the tap running when cleaning your teeth and shaving.
- Install a dual flush toilet and use the half flush option when appropriate.
- Do not fill the bath to the top.
- Set the load adjuster on your washing machine when you do not have a full load to wash.
- When replacing the washing machine consider purchasing a front load machine which uses less water than a top loading machine.

IN THE GARDEN AND BACKYARD

- Install tap timers and drip irrigation equipment to prevent the over watering of plants.
- Water gardens in the early morning or late evening to prevent the evaporation of water from garden beds.
- Water the roots rather than the leaves of plants.
- Use mulch on your garden to prevent evaporation of water from the garden. This will also prevent the growth of weeds which would otherwise compete with plants for water resources.
- Plant native vegetation species as they require less watering than exotics as they are more suited to our climate and environment.
- Wash your car/boat/caravan on the grass and with a bucket rather than with a hose.
- To reduce the evaporation of water from pools use a pool cover.
- Install a water tank to allow for the collection of rainwater for use on your garden.
- Sweep rather than hosing pathways clean.

