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We all waste water - just think about how long the tap is left running each time you clean your teeth.

By making a few small changes to your habits you can help save water by cutting out waste and unnecessary use.

Drink as much tap water as you like - don't cut back on that!



A running tap can use up to 9 litres a minute.

The average bath uses 80 litres of water.

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A dripping tap can lose up to 4 litres of water a day.

About a third of water used in the home goes down the toilet.



Washing machines use about 14% of the water consumed in the home.





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Hosepipes, like garden sprinklers, can use up to 1,000 litres per hour.

A sprinkler can use as much water in an hour as a family of four does in 48 hours.

A standard water butt can collect 5,000 litres of rainwater a year.



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- ✿ collect rainwater in a **water butt** and use it wisely
- ✿ give plants a good soak and put a layer of **mulch** on the soil after watering
- ✿ don't water the leaves of plants - water the soil around the plant
- ✿ place pots in the shade and water in the evening
- ✿ use a watering can - sprinklers are wasteful
- ✿ line pots, baskets and tubs with plastic sheets
- ✿ choose plants that don't need much water
- ✿ check the weather forecast - it might rain tomorrow!





**Kitchen top tips**

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- ✿ use a bowl for washing vegetables and dishes
- ✿ fill a jug with tap water, cover it and put it in the fridge
- ✿ only use a washing machine or dishwasher fully loaded
- ✿ persuade your family to buy water efficient appliances when they replace them
- ✿ catch any unused tap water in a bowl and use it on plants
- ✿ only fill the kettle with as much water as you need (saves energy too).



**Bathroom top tips**

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- ✿ don't leave the tap running while brushing your teeth have a shower not a bath
- ✿ **power showers** may use more water than a bath
- ✿ don't spend too much time in the shower!
- ✿ get an adult to fit a water saving device in the toilet cistern
- ✿ put the plug in rather than washing under a running tap
- ✿ make sure that plugs fit tightly.

