

# How to Save Water

It takes a lot of effort and energy to clean and supply fresh water to our homes. The average person uses 176 litres of water a day, much of which goes down the drain and eventually into the river. Saving water reduces the amount of energy water companies need to use, and means more water is available for everybody to use, especially as climate change is causing longer spells of hot weather.

## Saving water in the bathroom

- Take a shower instead of a bath.
- If you have a 4 minute shower instead of a 10 minute shower it can save 15000 litres of water a year.
- A quarter of water used in the home is used to flush the toilet. If you have dual flush toilet only use the big button when you need to!
- Don't leave the tap running when you brush your teeth.



## Saving water in the kitchen

- Use washing up bowl when doing the washing up. Use the left over water to wash any glass or plastic for recycling.
- Get any leaky taps fixed. A dripping tap can waste 7000 litres of water a year!
- Only fill the kettle with the water you need. This saves electricity as well!



## Saving water outside

- Wash the car with a bucket of water, not a hosepipe.
- Fit a waterbutt to save rainwater and use it for watering plants.
- Choose plants that can cope with drought.
- Water plants with a watering can, and do it in the evening to avoid evaporation.



## Design a poster!



Choose one of the tips and design a poster to let people know about how to save water!

Make sure you make it have a clear message and look bright and colourful.