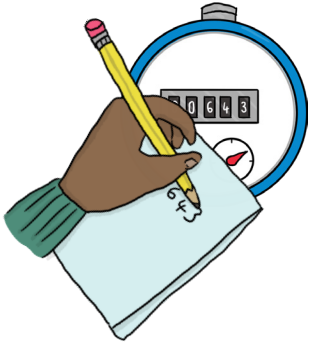


ARE YOU WATER WISE?

Did you know that every day, on average, we use about 150 litres of water? A shocking one third of this, (that's about 50 litres) gets wasted every single day!

Discover how much water you and your family use by completing the steps in this pack **(you'll need an adult to help!)** *Don't worry if you haven't got a meter you can skip those steps.*



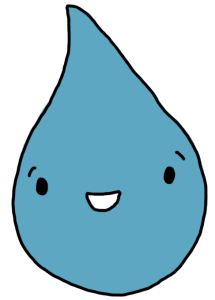
Locate and read your water meter



Complete the daily water usage chart



Change how you use water



Read your water meter following your changes

Repeat this activity for several weeks for a real difference in your water usage!

HOW TO READ YOUR WATER METER

If you're not on a water meter please skip this step

Taking readings from your water meter is a great way of finding out exactly how much water you use at home!

Finding your water meter

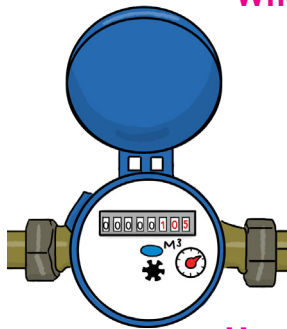
OUTSIDE:

Usually located at the stop valve.
Look for a small metal or plastic cover in your driveway, garden, playground or nearby footpath.

INSIDE:

Usually located at the water pipe as it enters the home or near the stop tap.
Look under the kitchen sink or downstairs toilet!

What will my water meter look like?



Your meter will usually look like this



How much water is a cubic meter?

1 cubic meter = 1,000L

That's the same as:

125
toilet flushes

84

hand washes under a running tap



These show the number of cubic meters of water you have used.

HOW DO YOU USE WATER IN YOUR HOME?

Number the images based on how much they are used in your home.

1 = most used 12 = not used at all / not a lot



Ask everyone in your family to complete this quiz by ticking the boxes.
Add up the points to see how water wise you are.

How water wise are you?	Always	Sometimes	Never
I turn the tap off when brushing my teeth			
I only fill the bath up halfway			
I only shower for 4 minutes or less			
I put the plug in when washing my face or hands			
I use a bucket instead of a hose to wash the car			
I only use the dishwasher when it is full			
I don't let the tap run before getting a drink			
I use the washing machine on an eco setting			
I make sure dripping taps are turned off or fixed			
I use a watering can when watering plants			
Number of ticks			
Points (times the points by number of ticks in each column)			

POINTS

Always

3 POINTS

Sometimes

2 POINTS

Never

1 POINT

MY TOTAL
POINTS ARE:

21 or more
points

**WATER
WISE**

19 - 20
points

**WATER
WARY!**

10 points
or less

**WATER
WASTER!**



DAILY WATER USAGE CHART

Record how much water is used over 3 days by everyone in your household using the chart below.
You may need a grown up or calculator to help work out averages and total litres of water used!

Try using a tally chart when completing the table.

ACTIVITY	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	TOTAL (Add up the number of times you did the activity)	AVERAGE (Add the 3 totals together and divide by 3)	TOTAL NO. LITRES OF WATER USED
Full bath 80 litres						
4 minute shower 36 litres						
Flushing the toilet 8 litres						
Brushing teeth with tap running 12 litres						
Brushing teeth with tap off 2 litres						
Full washing mashing load 80 litres						
Full dishwasher load 16 litres						
Running tap for 1 min eg. washing hands 6 litres						
Hose pipe on for 30 minutes 500 litres						
Wash car with 5 buckets of water 60 litres						
Washing dishes in bowl 10 litres						

How many litres of water did your family use in 3 days?

(Add up the number in the litres column)

Litres

DAILY WATER USAGE QUIZ

What activity was completed the most?

What activity used the most water?

What activity used the least water?

What could your family do to save water?



On average, each person uses 150L of water a day

This means a family of 4 would use 600L each day!

How many people are in your household?

How much water do they use everyday?

Does your family use more or less water than average?

Read your meter each week to see if you're starting to save water.

Draw an arrow between differences for each week to show if you used more or less water than the week before.

WEEK 1 READING

WEEK 2 READING

WEEK 3 READING

WEEK 4 READING

Difference between readings:

Difference between readings:

Difference between readings:

MY DAILY WATER USAGE CHECKLIST

Create a water wise checklist for your household!

Make sure you include; what they do to save water, how much water each activity uses,
and where they are wasting water!



Stick your checklists up in places where your family will see them to remind them!

