

# WATERING WISELY IN THE GARDEN

Did you know using a hose to water the garden could use up to 500 litres of water? That's the same as nearly 14 showers! Find out how you can be water wise when looking after your garden:

## TOP 5 WATER TIPS FOR THE GARDEN:



### Water at the right time

Try watering your plants at night when its cooler, the water will last longer as the sun won't dry it up!

### Don't water too much

Most plants don't need watering everyday, some only need it a couple of times a week. Do some research on the plants in your garden to see when they need watering

### Recycle water

Collect rainwater in a water butt and reuse this to water your garden. If you haven't got a water butt any container like an old bucket will do, you could even use water from your paddling pool!

### Water the roots

Make sure you water right at the roots as watering over the plant or flower can damage the leaves and stop water from getting into the soil

### Check before watering

Check if your plants need watering before filling up your watering can. Follow our simple steps below to help you!



## NEXT TIME YOU HELP WATER THE GARDEN FILL OUT THE BELOW:

What time will you water your garden?	Draw a clock to show the time:
Do you have plants that don't need as much water?	Draw these plants
How will you collect rainwater?	Draw a picture of how you'll collect rainwater:
Who will help you make sure you water the roots?	Draw a picture of plant roots:
Did you check your plants before watering? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Draw a picture of a watering can:

**TOP TIP: Make your own watering can from an empty milk bottle! Fill it with water and pierce holes in the cap. Put the cap back on and its ready to use!**

## Check your plants before watering, they might not be as thirsty as you think!

