

How much water does my school use?

We all use water without really thinking about it. Turn the tap on and there's water. Flush the toilet and there's water. So why should we save water? By using less water, your school can save money on energy and water bills. Saving water also helps to combat climate change.

Use this data collection sheet to record information about water use in your school. Enter your data into our online water efficiency audit at stwater.co.uk/schoolaudit to see how much water your school uses daily and yearly.

Your school

Postcode	
Number of female staff	<i>The number of female teachers and support staff.</i>
Number of male staff	<i>The number of male teachers and support staff.</i>
Number of female pupils	<i>The number of girls.</i>
Number of male pupils	<i>The number of boys.</i>
Days open per year	<i>The total number of days that the school is open.</i>

Toilets and showers

Urinals – uncontrolled cisterns	<i>Uncontrolled cisterns flush at regular intervals whether they are used or not. Ask your caretaker if you're unsure.</i>
Urinals – controlled cisterns	<i>Controlled cisterns have infra-red detectors which recognise when someone uses the urinal and flushes when they leave. Ask your caretaker if you're unsure.</i>
WCs – single flush	<i>Single flush WCs are older cisterns which can use up to 9 litres of water with each flush.</i>
WCs – dual flush	<i>Dual flush cisterns save water by letting you choose a small or large flush.</i>
WCs – Save-a-Flush bag	<i>Save-a-flush bags are put into the toilet cistern where they swell up and save 1 litre of water every time you flush.</i>
Push taps < 10 seconds	<i>Push taps save water by turning themselves off after a short time.</i>
Push taps > 10 seconds	<i>Push taps save water by turning themselves off after a short time.</i>
Wash basins – twist taps	<i>Twist taps have to be turned off by the user. If they are left on they waste a lot of water.</i>
Wash basins – dripping taps in toilets and changing rooms	<i>A single dripping tap can waste up to 84 litres of water a week.</i>
Total number of showers	<i>The total number of showers in the school.</i>
Showers – total showers per day	<i>Your P.E. department will be able to tell you how many showers are taken each day.</i>
Showers – average shower time	<i>Estimate, on average, how long pupils spend in the shower.</i>

Meals

Kitchen – meals cooked on site

Ask your kitchen staff to tell you the total number of meals which are cooked in your school kitchens each day.

Kitchen – meals cooked off site

Ask your kitchen staff to tell you the total number of meals which are cooked elsewhere and are served in your school canteen each day.

Kitchen – number of dishwasher loads

The total number of dishwasher loads which are washed each day.

Kitchen – dripping taps

A single dripping tap can waste up to 84 litres of water a week.

Cleaning

Cleaning – floors washed per day

Ask your caretaker or the school cleaners how many floors they wash using water each day.

Gardening

Watering – number of indoor plants

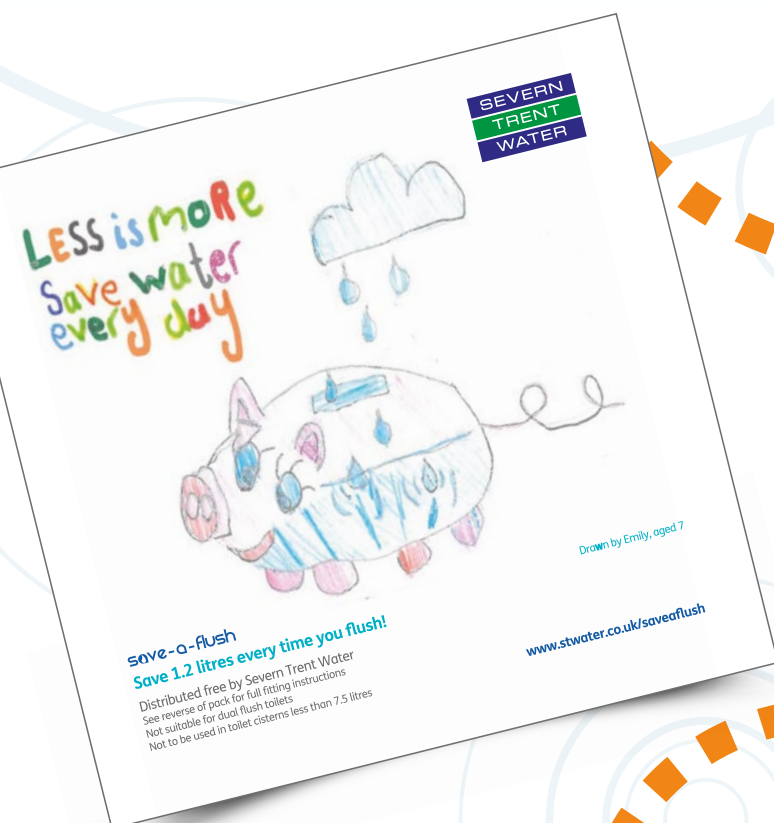
The total number of plants that are in your school.

Watering – number of garden area

The area of the school gardens in square metres.

Watering – number of water butts

The number of water containers that are used to collect rain water.



Investigate
how your school
uses water