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## TOP TEN WATER SAVING TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

### 1. TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS

A 10 minute shower with an old style shower head can use up to 250 litres of water. A four minute shower using a three star rated shower head will use around 36 litres – an 85 percent saving.

### 2. MAKE USE OF YOUR GREYWATER

You can make use of greywater by connecting your washing machine outlet to a tank or irrigation system to use the water on your garden. For more information and guidelines, visit the [Victoria Government alternative water sources information web page](#).

### 3. INSTALL AERATORS OR FLOW RESTRICTORS ON YOUR TAPS

These tools will help save water when rinsing dishes or running water. Hand basins only need to flow at four litres per minute and kitchen and laundry taps at nine to 12 litres per minute.

### 4. USE WATER WISELY IN THE GARDEN

Use a trigger nozzle hose to water only where necessary. Don't water during the heat of the day. The best time to water is before 8am or after 8pm so your water soaks into the soil rather than evaporates. Check the latest [Water Restrictions](#) for up to date information.

### 5. USE MULCH AND WETTING AGENTS IN THE GARDEN

Mulch reduces evaporation and run off. In addition wetting agents retain moisture in the soil, helping to reduce your water use.

### 6. INSTALL A RAINWATER TANK

Save thousands of litres of drinking water per year. Use the rainwater for your garden or connect the tank to your laundry or bathroom for washing clothes and flushing the toilet. Check out available state government rebates at Living Victoria Water Rebate Program.

### 7. CHOOSE WATER SAVING APPLIANCES

If you need to replace your washing machine or dishwasher, don't just go for the one with the lowest price tag! Select a water efficient model with the most stars – this will save you money in the long run. Rebates are available on water and energy efficient washing machines, check the Living Victoria Water Rebate Program for details.

### 8. USE YOUR WASHING MACHINE AND DISHWASHER EFFICIENTLY

Only switch them on when you have a full load or use the water saving option. Not only will this save water, but you'll save money on your electricity bill too.

### 9. INSTALL A DUAL FLUSH TOILET

The toilet is the second biggest user of water in the home, after the shower. Replacing your single flush cistern with the most efficient dual flush cistern uses approximately 60 percent less water. Rebates are available dual flush toilets, check the Living Victoria Water Rebate Program for details.

### 10. CHECK YOUR LOO FOR A LEAK

A leaking toilet cistern can waste 16,000 litres of water a year without anyone noticing. To check, put a few drops of food colouring in the cistern and wait for 15 minutes. If any of the colouring has appeared in the toilet bowl, your cistern is leaking.