

## Tips for saving water

### Kitchen

- ➔ did you know that 5-15% of households water use is in the kitchen?
- ➔ a dishwasher uses 2-50 litres of water per cycle
- ➔ washing dishes by hand uses about 18 litres of water
- ➔ a kitchen sink when completely full holds approximately 24 litres of water

### Tips:

- ➔ Do not let the water run while you wait for it to warm up or cool down. Place the plug in the sink first to collect all the water. You can also run this initial water into a container which can be poured onto the garden or into pot plants
- ➔ Try filling your sink by half, just enough to cover your dishes when washing them
- ➔ Save all your dishes until the evening and wash them in one go
- ➔ Start by washing the least dirty dishes first and then dirtiest last

### Bathroom

- ➔ approximately 14-25% of a households water use is used in the bathroom
- \*washing your hands can use up to 5 litres of water
- \*the basin tap can use 15 litres a minute

### Tips:

- ➔ Don't leave tap running while you are brushing your teeth or having a shave. If shaving, fill the sink partially for rinsing your razor or face
- ➔ While waiting for the shower to warm up, place a bucket in the shower to catch the water and pour into garden later
- ➔ Take shorter showers

### Laundry

- ➔ approximately 15-35% of a household water use is in the laundry
- ➔ a top loading washing machine uses 170-265 litres of water per wash
- ➔ a front loading washing machine uses approximately 100 litres of water per wash
- ➔ older washing machines use enough water per cycle to fill a bath

### Tips:

- ➔ If your clothes are not very dirty, only use the shortest wash cycle
- ➔ Pre-treating stains before washing will reduce the chance of the need for re-washing after coming out of the washing machine
- ➔ Instead of using woollens or delicate cycle, consider hand washing these items

### Around the house

- ➔ washing the car with the hose can use anywhere from 50-300 litres per wash
- ➔ evaporation from an uncovered pool can over the course of a year equal the entire volume of the pool



### Tips:

- ➔ Ensure all taps inside and outside are turned off tight. Do not force them too tight as this can damage the washer causing more leaking
- ➔ Don't buy children's toys that require a large amount of water or constant filling such as 'slip n slides' or water pistols

### In the garden

Use these tips only in line with your relevant and current watering restrictions

- ➔ up to 35% of water usage in a household can be used in the garden (without water restrictions in place)

### Tips:

- ➔ Only water the gardens if the soil around the plants seem dry
- ➔ Soak the garden once or twice a week instead of watering everyday
- ➔ Don't allow more than a centimetre of water to accumulate on the ground as the excess water can run off and be wasted
- ➔ If your garden is on a slope, water for short periods so that runoff water does not escape and waste
- ➔ Check the weather forecast to see if good rain is expected before watering