

# Leaflet 10: Water Efficiency

As a company which prides itself on sustainable development within the water industry, we support initiatives to conserve water and we encourage and will help you to do the same. We aim to do this by:

- Enhancing our efficiency in detecting and mending leaks, please notify us if you identify any problems with your systems, for example low pressure within the taps as this could be the result of an unrepaired burst main.
- Offering free supply pipe repairs for all of our customers subject to terms and conditions.
- Promoting the use of water efficient appliances, facilities and practises in both the home and the garden.
- Operating water recycling schemes to minimise potable water use in the home and garden.

Further details on water efficiency are included in our Water Resources Management Plan and the Drought Plan for your area. These can be accessed via our website, [albionwater.co.uk](http://albionwater.co.uk), or by calling our customer services team on **03300 242020**.

## How you can help

There are many ways in which you can save water in your home, garden and workplace benefiting our environment and saving you money.

### In your home

- Fix leaking taps – a dripping tap can waste more than 60 litres of water per week.
- Detect leaking cisterns - to detect a slow leak in your toilet simply add a few drops of food colouring in your toilet cistern. Don't flush the toilet for an hour or so. If the food colouring is present after that time, you have a leak.
- Cover outside taps and pipe work as during the winter, taps and pipes are prone to freezing and bursting – lagging pipework will help to prevent this.
- Install a Cistern Displacement Device (CDD) – this device can displace around 1 litre of water every time you flush.

### Running your taps

A running tap can use six litres of water per minute so you can reduce water use by;

- turning off the tap when brushing your teeth
- using a bowl to clean dishes and wash vegetables.

## **Flushing your toilet**

Install a Cistern Displacement Device (CDD) – this device can displace around 1 litre of water every time you flush.

## **Using a washing machine**

Fully load your washing machine as a full load uses less water than two half-loads.

## **Shower duration**

Have showers instead of baths and reduce the duration of your shower – to help keep track of time in your shower, try using a shower timer.

## **Using the kettle**

Fill the kettle with only as much water as you need.

## **Watering your plants**

Re-use water from your washing up bowl to water your plants

One area where you shouldn't cut back is drinking water – UK tap water is one of the best in the world so enjoy it. Keep a jug of water in the fridge so there is no need to run the water until it gets cold.

## **In your garden**

Save up to 125 litres of water by using a bucket instead of a hosepipe when you wash your car.

Collect rainwater in a water butt to use on your plants and lawn, or to wash your car.

- Did you know that it's OK to let your lawn go brown? It helps it to build up resistance and recover immediately after rainfall.
- Attaching a trigger nozzle to your hosepipe you will halve the amount of water used.

## **In your workplace**

- Educate your colleagues on the importance and practices of water efficiency.

For more tips on saving water visit the Waterwise website [www.waterwise.org.uk](http://www.waterwise.org.uk)