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I'm Wilbur The
Water Warrior.
**EVERY DROP
COUNTS**



7 WAYS to rethink **WATER** in the GARDEN

A lot of the water consumed by a household is actually used outdoors. There are some key things that you can do to save water in your garden:



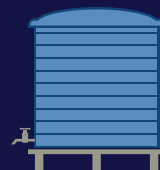
MULCH: Use mulch on your garden to a depth of about 100mm. Mulching reduces up to 70% of water evaporation from soil.



USE WATER CRYSTALS when planting to maintain soil moisture and soil wetting products to help water get down to plant roots.



RAINWATER TANK: Consider installing a rainwater tank and use this to water your garden.



PLANT NATIVES: Plant drought tolerant species. Native plants require less water and fertilizers.



DON'T HOSE PATHS, PATIOS AND DRIVEWAYS: Use a broom, rake, outdoor blower or vacuum.



INSTALL DRIP IRRIGATION: These systems are much more efficient at delivering water where it is needed than spray systems. Existing spray systems can be converted to drip irrigation fairly easily.



LAWNS:

- Consider reducing the amount of lawn you have to maintain.
- Choose the most appropriate grass species for your situation.
- Mow grass longer to help roots go deep. Avoid cutting grass less than 1/3 of its length at any one time.

- When watering ensure only the grassed area is watered, not the cement path or road.
- To assist in the establishment of your new lawn and to minimise the amount of water it requires, it is recommended that you apply a light top soil dressing to your lawn.



For more information on saving water in your garden contact your local Landcare group, Local Council, Land Services or native plant nursery.

Please contact Muswellbrook Shire Council for further information



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