

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



rethink WATER in the HOME

A lot of the water consumed by a household can be saved. Here are some key things that you can do to save water in your home:

SHOWERS

A standard shower head uses about 15 -25 litres of water per minute. A 4 star rated shower head uses as little as 6-7 litres per minute. Using a 4 star rated shower head for an 8 minute shower will save 48 litres of water.



TAPS

Standard taps use 15 – 18 litres per minute, whilst low flow and aerating models use as little as 2 litres per minute. A dripping tap can waste up to 30 – 200 litres / day.



WASHING MACHINES

A water efficient 4 star rated washing machine uses 1/3 of the water of an older model. This can save up to 50 litres of water per load. 15 – 20% of all water used in the home is used in the laundry.



DISHWASHERS

The most efficient dishwashers use half the water of an average model. This can save you approximately 10 litres of water per load.



TOILETS

An old single flush toilet can use up to 12 litres per flush, whereas dual flush toilets use less than 4 litres per flush on average. This saves a bucket of water each time you flush. Using a water efficient dual flush toilet reduces household water use by around 30,000-40,000 litres every year. Ensure your cistern isn't leaking – put a couple of drops of food dye in your cistern, if the water in the toilet bowl changes colour before you flush, your cistern is leaking and wasting water.



SAVING WATER IN THE HOME Water Efficient Labelling Scheme (WELS)

What is WELS?

It is Australia's water efficiency labelling scheme, similar to the Energy Star Rating. It allows consumers to compare the water efficiency of different products. The rating system has six stars. The more stars the better. The label also shows a water consumption and water flow figure. By choosing a WELS product Australians could save more than \$600 million through reduced water and energy bills. By 2021 it is estimated

that using water efficient products will help to:

- Reduce domestic water use by 5% or 87,200 million litres each year; and
- Save a total of about 610,000 million litres (more water than in Sydney Harbour)

Nearly 50% of the savings will come from more efficient washing machines, about 25% from showers and 22% from toilets.

Further Information: www.waterrating.gov.au



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