

# 14 easy ways to care for water

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**WATER**



**1. Reuse water** - From washing veggies, waiting for your shower to warm up or washing your wheelie bin on your lawn or flower garden.

**2. Test your meter for house leaks** - See if your meter continues to run even when water is not in use. If it does, you may have a water leak.

**3. Thaw frozen food** - Instead of placing frozen food under running water to defrost, thaw them in the fridge or microwave.

**4. Cook your veggies** - Microwave, steam or use a pressure cooker to cook your veggies. This helps keep the flavour and uses less water than boiling them.

**5. Put a plug in it** - Save water by washing vegetables and rinsing dishes in a plugged sink or basin - not under a running tap.

**6. Fill it up** - Wait for a full load of washing before reaching for the detergent. Every load saves 17 buckets of water!

**7. Cool it!** - Keep a jug of water in the fridge rather than waiting for the water to cool from the tap on a hot day.

**8. Put a plug in it - again!** - Use a plug in the bathroom sink rather than running water to rinse your razor.

**9. Shorter Showers** - Take shorter showers. Every minute less in the shower saves one bucket of water.

**10. Install water saving shower heads** - Consider installing a WELS 3 star water saving shower head and save on water and energy costs.

**11. Half flush toilets** - Use the half flush and save up to four buckets of water per day.

**12. Repair leaking toilets** - Check for leaks in your toilet by adding food dye to the cistern. If colour appears in the bowl within half an hour it's time for some DIY or call a qualified plumber.

## Protect your pipes

**13. Dispose of fatty liquids** - Mix a small amount of water with milk that has gone sour and pour it in the garden rather than down the drain.

**14. Have a bin in your bathroom** - For items that are best to bin including wet wipes, cotton products, dental floss, hair and tissues.



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