



# How to save water at home



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# Why you should save water at home



This Easy Read document is about how you can save water at home.

Saving water is good for:



- taking care of the environment
- following water restrictions.



**Water** restrictions are rules that local councils sometimes have about how much water you can use.

These are to make sure the water does not run out.



Even if you are trying to save water it is important to still drink enough water to stay well.



Do not drink less water to try and save water.

## Tips for saving water



There are lots of good ways to save water.



In the bathroom you can:

- take short showers that are no longer than 4 minutes
- turn off the tap while you brush your teeth
- if your toilet has 2 buttons use the **half-flush button**.



A **half-flush** button makes the toilet use less water to flush.



You can save water by only running the washing machine when it is full of washing.



In the kitchen you can:

- do the dishes by hand instead of using your dishwasher
- scrape food scraps off plates into the bin instead of rinsing the plates before washing them.



You can water your garden in the:

- early morning before the sun is fully up
- early evening when the sun is setting.

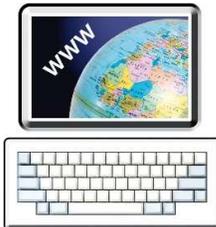




Watering your garden at these times means that the water will not dry up as quickly as when the sun is up.



When cleaning up outside you can use a broom to brush things away instead of using the hose.



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