

# TIPS ON HOW TO BE WATER EFFICIENT IN YOUR HOME

Did you know that heating water for domestic consumption is the second largest user of energy in your home after central heating? Or that this equates to 5% of total greenhouse gas emissions in the UK, the same as the aviation industry?

Small changes in your home and everyday behavior can go a long way to reduce your water bills, energy bills and your impact on the environment.

- Take a shower instead of a bath
- Take shorter showers
- Use a bowl or put the plug in the sink when hand washing dishes or washing your fruit and vegetables
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth
- Always put the plug in the basin when washing or shaving
- Always do full loads in your washing machine
- Always do full loads in your dishwasher
- Repair dripping taps around the house
- Install a low flow showerhead
- Fit tap inserts on your sink and basin taps
- If you do not have a modern dual flush toilet, fit a save-a-flush device to your cistern.
- Rather than using treated tap water on the garden, collect rainwater in a water butt and use that instead.



## Average household consumption

Toilet	=	28%
Internal tap	=	23%
Bath	=	17%
Washing machine	=	15%
Shower	=	9%
Outside tap	=	6%
Dishwasher	=	2%

