



Cutting water use by 50%

By combining the above changes with the installation of a 3000L rainwater tank attached to your bathroom, laundry, toilet and garden you will cut your water consumption by 50%!

A yet to be published study by the Department of Environment and Heritage in Canberra demonstrates by taking an average sized roof within an average rainfall area whilst using your rainwater tank on a daily basis, you will use 50% less mains water.³

Effectively, the only time you will draw upon mains water is for drinking and cooking. If this model was rolled out across our region there would be no need for the construction of expensive, environmentally degrading dams. It would be the ultimate Tassie WaterSaving initiative.

Further information

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WATER

Tassie WaterSaver Initiative

The Home
saving water

TASSIE WATERSAVERS

“Working to protect the environment and the way of life in Tasmania”

The home

Tassie WaterSavers is an initiative of the LEC to make Tasmania a world leader in water management. It is a positive, pro-active campaign that will provide educational services to the community.

Why Save Water in Tasmania

Water resources in Tasmania are stretched. With no attention over the years to water efficiency, a long dry period, climate change and major land use changes means we have to be more careful with how we use water.

Tassie WaterSavers, a campaign by the LEC, will teach you how to address these issues and lower water consumption in Tasmania's north by 15%.

The LEC is challenging you to become a Tassie WaterSaver and start saving water today. Are you up for it?

Saving Water in the Home fix all leaks

Leaks are a major source of water waste in our communities, so fixing them can generate massive water savings.

What you can do

1. Fix all leaking toilets, taps and pipes. A leaking toilet with a slow drip can waste up to 4000L a year.¹
2. A dripping tap can waste up to 2,000L of water a month.
3. Check for leaking pipes by taking a meter reading before going to bed then again when you first get up. Any changes will indicate a leaking pipe which should be fixed by a plumber.

the bathroom and toilet

In the average Australian house, over 20% of water use is in the bathroom. Another 15% is flushed down the toilet.

To save water in the bathroom the following changes will result in instant water savings.

1. Install a AAA water efficient showerhead. Old style showerheads use over 20L of water a minute, a AAA model uses only 9L. They are cheap, easy to install and will help you save over 30L of water for every 3 mins shower you take.

What you can do

2. Install AAA water efficient taps. They use 50% less water than older style taps.² Never leave the water running whilst brushing your teeth or having a shave. Rinse your mouth with a glass of water and put in the plug while shaving.
3. If you don't have a dual flush toilet put a 1L bottle of water filled with sand in the cistern. This will displace 1L of water for each flush. Keep the bottle away from the operating device to avoid damage.

the laundry

On average 13% of water use in the home is used whilst doing the washing. The following tips could help you save up to 105L per load.

1. If you are about to buy a new washing machine make sure it is a AAAAAA front loading model. AAAAAA water efficient front loading machines are over 60% more efficient than your average top loader saving up to 105 litres per cycle.²
2. Only use the washing machine when you have a full load. Never use it to wash a few tops and a pair of socks!