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Inside your home



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Our water is a precious resource and if we each use a little less every day, we can help secure our water supply for years to come.

Households are responsible for almost 80% of all water use on the Central Coast. About 70% of our drinking water is used for everyday inside activities like showering, flushing toilets, washing dishes and laundry.

The Central Coast has a daily water use target of **150 litres** per person. By aiming for this and using water wisely at home, you will save both water and money!

70%
of water used at
home is for inside
activities

live to
150L



Bathroom

Nearly half of all water used in the home is in the bathroom. Here's a few simple ways to save water:

- take shorter showers and try using a shower timer – aim for 4 minutes or less
- installing a water efficient showerhead can save up to 11 litres per minute
- avoid overfilling your bath and reuse bath and shower water for watering plants and washing your car
- use the half flush on the toilet
- turn off the taps when brushing your teeth, washing hands or shaving.

WATER RATING
www.waterrating.gov.au

Tip: Always choose electrical appliances which have a high WELS star rating. These will save both energy and water!



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Laundry

When buying a new washing machine, choose an energy efficient front loader. This will help you save up to half the amount of water used. There are a few ways to save water every time you wash:

- 💧 always wash with a full load
- 💧 pre-treat stains before loading into your washing machine
- 💧 catch the rinse water and use it on your garden.



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Kitchen

Dishwashers use the most amount of water in the kitchen. A water efficient model uses half the amount compared to the average. There are many ways to save water in the kitchen:

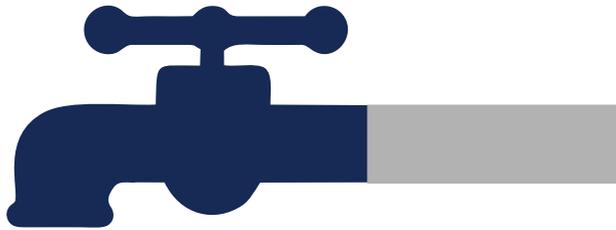
- 💧 only run the dishwasher when you have a full load
- 💧 fill the sink or bowl to wash fruits and vegetables
- 💧 defrost food in the refrigerator overnight
- 💧 catch running water while waiting for hot to come through, and store it in a jug for drinking water.

Leaking taps

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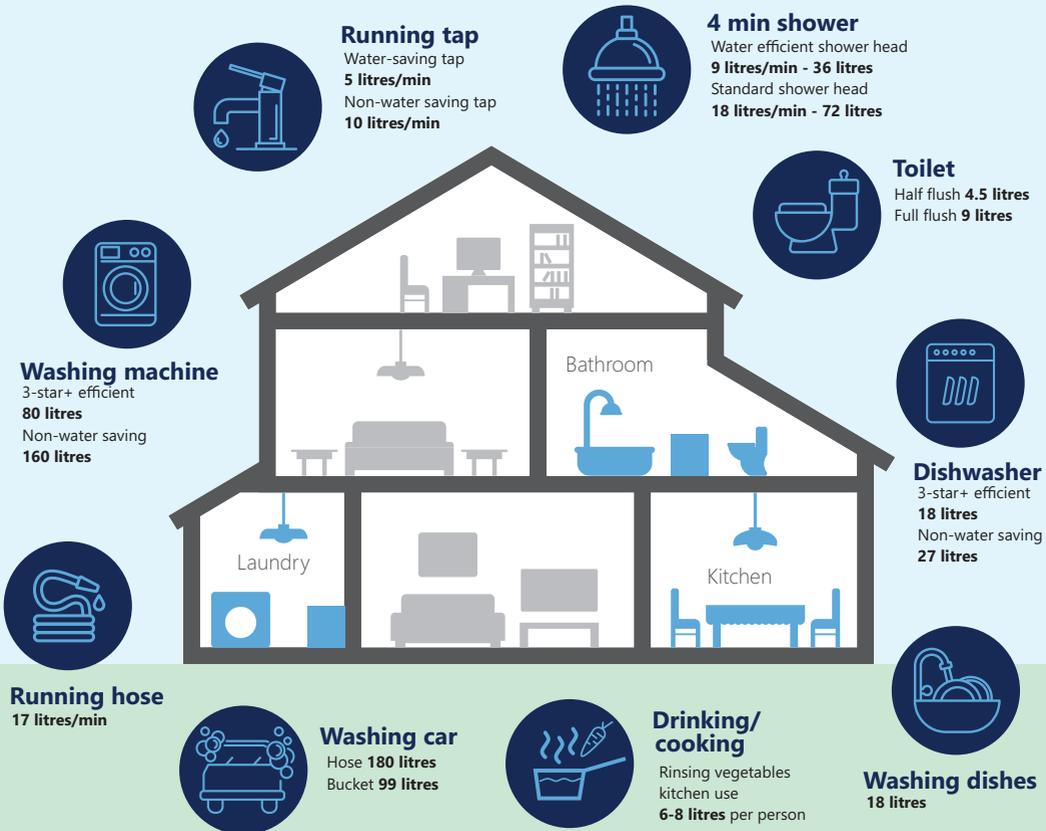
A leaking tap, toilet or water pipe can lose anything from a few litres to thousands of litres of water every day.

Here are some actions you can take to reduce the water wasted from taps and fixtures.



- 💧 Learn how to check your water meter reading.
- 💧 Fix dripping taps, usually by replacing the tap washer.
- 💧 Install new water efficient taps.
- 💧 Contact a license plumber if you can't find the source of the leak.

How we use water at home



Water restrictions may apply. For more information visit centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/lovewater