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**Early Childhood Centres Water Conservation** 



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#### At your centre

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.

There are over 100 Early Childhood Centres in the Central Coast using water for washing, gardens, drinking, cooking, cleaning, bathrooms and programing. Some of the highest usage occurs in the bathrooms and kitchens.

The Central Coast has a daily water use target of 150 litres per person. By aiming for this and using water wisely at your Centre, you will help to ensure water for the future!

#### **Bathroom/Kitchen**

One running toilet can waste 50 litres of water every day!

Here's a few simple ways to save water:

- report running toilets, taps and showers to the maintenance team
- make sure taps are turned off completely after use
- use the half flush button on the toilet.
- Fill dishwasher completely full when used
- Use a large bowl of water to wash produce instead of running the tap





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



#### Classroom

Many centres have taps and sinks for activities, cleaning and hand washing. Here are some helpful tips to help reduce the water used in the classroom areas:

- fill a sink with water to wash all the items at once
- have one container of water to share for activities and cleaning
- never leave the tap running unnecessarily



A leaking bubbler or tap can waste litres of water every day.

Schools can reduce the water wasted from bubblers and taps by:

- checking bubblers and taps regularly
- fixing drips by replacing the tap washer



### **Outdoor Play Areas**

Here are some simple ways early childhood centres can save water and still have thriving outdoor areas and gardens.

- choose native and drought tolerant plants
- apply mulch, compost or wetting agents to the soil to reduce water
- use a rainwater tank or greywater for irrigation
- try watering in the cool of dawn or dusk and use a trigger nozzle on the hose, avoid fixed hoses or sprinklers, rotate watering sections over multiple days
- use water from wet play outside to water plants or gardens



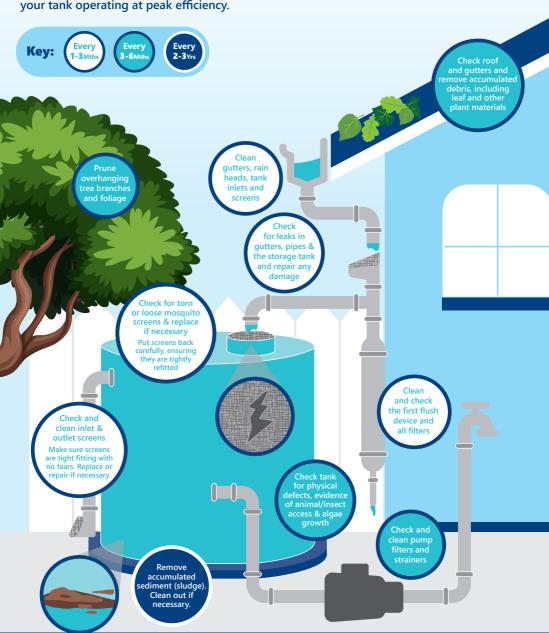


- install water blades or aerators to taps encouraging students to fill-up water
- bottles instead of drinking directly of the bubbler

### **Give Your Tank**A Health Check!

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Follow our maintenance schedule to keep your tank operating at peak efficiency.



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