



Tips on Saving Water

Save money and look after the environment by installing and using water savings products

Tips for a Water Wise Garden

Water – Learn about your plants water needs and only water when necessary.

Mulch – Keep soil cool and reduce evaporation by up to 70 per cent. Spread mulch at least 7 cm deep around plants.

Remove Weeds – As they compete with plants for water.

Wetting Agents – Water crystals and soil-wetting agents will retain moisture and help nourish your plants.

Fertilise – Regularly feed your plants to ensure they are healthy.

Plants – Only absorb water in their root zone, so watering for long periods is wasting water.

Lawn – Water only when your lawn needs it. Once or twice a week is usually enough. Put a small sized tuna can on the lawn. Once its full your lawns had enough and you can stop watering.

Rainwater Harvesting – Rainwater tanks are a great way to capture and store water for use in the house or garden.



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Shorter showers – reducing a shower from 10 to 7 minutes with a conventional shower head saves 13 140 litres per year per person.

Dual Flush Toilet – savings for a typical four person household is 35 000 litres per year.

Dishwashers – old models use 40 litres per wash, new triple star or 3A rated dishwashers can use as little as 15 litres per wash. Saving 9 125 litres per year per four-person house hold

Washing Machines – By replacing a conventional top loader, with a 4 star or 5A rated washing machine, saves 24 000 litres per year per four person household.

Using a Pool Cover – Evaporation rates are high in the Territory. Shade the pool or use pool covers to reduce evaporation and keep the pool clean.

Useful References

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