



Water efficient products

Territory residents can do many things to save water

Water efficient products enable residents to carry out the same activities while using less water. Being smarter with our water use will extend the life of our precious groundwater supply and also allows residents to make savings on their water bills. Changing household water use behaviour is the fastest and cheapest way to save water.

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) scheme

Through the WELS scheme, Australian residents can easily identify and purchase water efficient products including washing machines, dishwashers, toilets, taps and showers.

Products included in the scheme must be labelled with a star rating (the more stars the more water efficient) and water consumption or flow figures.

Visit www.waterrating.gov.au

Smart Approved WaterMark (SAWM)

SAWM is a voluntary scheme for products and services which cannot be rated under the WELS program. Approved products so far include low flow car washes, cleaning devices, gardening products, plumbing products, pool covers, rainwater harvesting systems, irrigation systems and even synthetic grass.

Visit www.smartwatermark.org

Improved technology

There is a waterwise product available for almost all activities that involve water in the home. Some new and innovative products include systems that generate water from air, hot water systems that redirect cold water to another use or provide instantaneous hot water and synthetic grass for the home.

Visit www.savewater.com.au for more information.

The cheapest way to save water

Changing household water use behaviour is the fastest and cheapest way to save water.

Actions can include:

- shorter showers
- only run full loads in the dishwasher and washing machine
- use the half-flush on the toilet
- cover the pool when not in use
- turn off the tap when brushing teeth or shaving
- fix leaking taps



See over page for data on improving water efficiency.

Improving water efficiency

Water efficient product	Action (based on three person household)	Cost	Average water savings (kL/year)	Average dollar savings (\$/year)*
Four minute shower timer	Use a timer or shower to your favourite pop song and reduce shower times from seven to four minutes.	free to \$15	30	\$32
Tap flow controller/aerator	Fit flow controller/aerator to kitchen and bathroom taps to reduce flow.	\$10	15	\$16
Showerhead	Replace old showerhead with water efficient three-star rated model.	\$20 - \$150	60 (five minute shower)	\$65
Trigger nozzle	Fit a trigger nozzle to your hose for garden watering and car washing.	\$20		
Tap timer	Fit a tap timer to your irrigation system .	\$20+		
Lawn replacement	Lay synthetic grass that requires no water, fertiliser and always looks green. Replace lawn with sand, gravel or low water use garden beds.	from \$55/m ²	200	\$215
Toilet	Purchase a single flush (12L) toilet with a 4-star or higher dual flush model (4.5/3L)	\$150+	28	\$30
Toilet installation	Install a four-star or higher dual flush model.	\$150+	28	\$30
Pool cover	Fit and use a swimming pool cover to reduce evaporation when not in use	\$400+	60	\$65
Washing machine	Replace an old inefficient machine or top loader model with 4.5-star or higher.	\$400+	21	\$23
Dishwasher	Replace old dishwasher with four-star or higher water efficient model.	\$700+	10	\$10
Rainwater tank	Fit a 9kL rainwater tank and pump connected to a toilet or hot water system.	\$3,000+	60	\$65
Home plumbing	Install a device that recirculates hot water through internal pipes allowing hot water to be instantly available.	Variable		