



FACTSHEET

Water saving tips

There are several things you can do to reduce your water usage and be kinder to the environment.

Bathroom

- ✓ Don't leave the tap running when brushing your teeth, washing your face, or shaving – this could save you one bucket of water per day.
- ✓ Reduce your shower time - you could save up to 9 litres of water per minute.
- ✓ Check your toilet bowl for running water.
- ✓ Check your plumbing for any drips or leaks, report any leaks to Venture immediately.

Laundry

- ✓ Wash clothes only when you have a full load.
- ✓ If you need a new washing machine, select a machine that has a water efficient rating of 5 stars.
- ✓ Check for any leaks and seek repair as soon as possible

Kitchen

- ✓ Use a plug or washing up bowl in the sink when peeling vegetables or rinsing dishes
- ✓ Use the water to water your plants

Outside your home

- ✓ Wash your car on the lawn using a bucket and sponge instead of a hose. This will save about 20 litres of water per minute.
- ✓ Don't cut the lawn too short, this will reduce the amount of water your lawn needs to stay green and healthy.
- ✓ Select native and waterwise plants

- ✓ Use mulch and add organic material such as compost to the soil, which helps retain moisture and reduce evaporation.
- ✓ Water your garden early in the morning or during the evening.
- ✓ Water the base of the plants, not the leaves.
- ✓ Use a rake or broom to clean paths and driveways instead of using a hose.

Check for leaks

- ✓ Make sure all taps are turned off, including the washing machine.
- ✓ Check the hot water service isn't leaking into the ground.
- ✓ Check that taps outside your home aren't leaking.

Report leaks

- ✓ Leaking taps can waste up to 2000 litres of water a month and cost you and Venture Housing money.
- ✓ Report dripping taps, running toilet cisterns, leaking hot water services and any leaking faulty pipes and water connections to Venture through your maintenance app. (Some Venture tenancies are connected to **Maintenance Manager** app and others to **Maintenance Pro**. Details of which application to use and how to access is provided at the commencement of your tenancy, should you have any issues accessing the app please contact your Tenancy & Engagement Officer).

Check out <https://www.livingwatersmart.com.au/> for more information and water saving ideas.