

# 4 Easy Ways to Save Water in your Bathroom

## Want to save money on your monthly water bill? Here's how!

We've gathered some fun and innovative ways for you to save water in your bathroom. Water is our most valuable resource and not only does conserving water have a positive impact on the environment, it also allows you to save money on your monthly bills.

### Take Shorter Showers

Use a timer to cut a few minutes off your shower time. Cutting your shower by just two minutes will help to save about [38 litres of water](#). You can save even more when you put a bucket in the shower to catch what's usually wasted while you wait for the water to warm. Use this water for laundry or to water indoor plants.

Insulating your pipes will help to keep the water warm so you waste less waiting for your shower to get hot and you save on energy too. Insulated pipes are at a lower risk for freezing which could lead to a burst pipe and expensive water damage.

### Turn off the Tap

When you are brushing your teeth, or washing your hands, don't let the water run. Wet your toothbrush and turn off the tap while you brush. Better still, use a glass to catch the water while you're wetting your toothbrush and use that for rinsing.

Wet your hands, then turn off the tap while you wash. Turn the tap on again for rinsing.

### Check Taps and Toilets for Leaks

Leaking taps and toilets in the average household waste [37,854 litres of water a year](#) which accounts for about 10% of your water bill. You can check for leaks by taking a reading of your water meter before you go to work and again when you get home. If you notice a difference, check that all the taps have [new washers](#) and inspect your toilet flapper for [wear](#).

The toilet flapper is the valve that opens when you flush to let water into the bowl and should close again, forming a tight seal. A worn flapper will continue to allow water to leak from the tank into the bowl long after you have flushed.

## Install Low-Flow Fixtures

Opt for a low-flow toilet that uses only six litres. That means you use [70% less water](#) for every flush and reduce your household consumption by up to 30%. If you can't afford a new toilet, simply fill an old water bottle and place it in the tank so you use less with every flush.

Low-flow taps and showerheads use considerably less water for water savings of [25-60%](#) (depending on the kind you get). If you aren't sure if you have a low-flow shower head, place a bucket under your shower and use a marker to draw a line at the 3.8 litres (1 gallon) mark. Now turn the shower on—if it takes less than 20 seconds to reach the mark, you can really benefit from a new shower head.

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