

Saving Water Advice

In the Garden....



Outdoor water use accounts for **around 7%** of the total water use in the average property, but in summer **this can rise to over 50%** as gardens are watered more frequently.

Lawn



- * Leave your grass long (not less than 3cm) & don't cut it by more than one-third of its length at any one time.
- * Its ok to let your lawn go brown in the summer—brown lawns are eco-friendly and will recover after rainfall.
- * Sprinklers can use as much as 1,000 litres of water per hour—more than a family of four may use in a whole day! If you must use a sprinkler, water early in the morning or late in the evening when evaporation rates are lowest.

Watering

- * A water butt can store some of the **tens of thousands of litres of rainwater** collected on your roof each year and can be used to water your garden.
- * Use a **trigger nozzle on your hosepipe** to reduce the water used and direct the water to flow to the roots of your plants. Alternatively, use a watering can.



Planting



- * Use mulch and bark in your garden to **reduce evaporation by up to 75%**
- * Think about mixing some **drought resistant bedding and perennial plants** to your garden to add diversity.
- * **Water roots, not leaves.** Make sure water is being directed on the ground close to the root zone, not higher up or further away where it could blow off or evaporate.

General

- * Pressure washers use a lot of water, **use them sparingly**. If you must wash your patio furniture or bicycle, why not do it on the lawn so that **water gets recycled**.
- * Use a bucket and sponge to wash your car—**just 30 minutes with a hosepipe could use hundreds of litres**. Also, using a bucket will give your car a much more precise wash. If you must use a hosepipe, **attach a trigger nozzle**.



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