

Saving Water Advice

In the School.....



Inside



- * Install leak detectors and **fix all leaks promptly**.
- * Establish a 'Water Savers' monitoring team, involving students reporting on leaks, running and dripping taps, and faulty toilets.
- * Ask pupils to design and create signs giving hints and tips on how to save water both in school and at home. Place them near taps/showers, **reminding users to turn water off when it is not being used**.
- * Install **water-efficient aerated showerheads/flow restrictors** and **slow-release push buttons** on all showers or mixer taps.
- * Wipe paint brushes with a rag, then **wash them in a bucket rather than under the tap**
- * Fit solenoid (motion) sensors/infra-red controls on taps to ensure they **stop running when not in use**.
- * Install water efficient dishwashers in kitchens. Encourage kitchen staff to **always fully load the dishwasher**.

Outside

- * Encourage grounds keepers to:
 - Use plants that are **suited to the local climate** and soil conditions.
 - **Avoid over-watering** school gardens.
 - **Remove weeds** as soon as they appear.
 - Water the **base** of plants, not the leaves.
 - Use a brush to clean paths (not a hose).
 - **Apply a layer of mulch** at a depth of 7-10cm around plants, this reduces the amount of evaporation.
- * Install **water butts** where possible to collect rain water from school roofs. This rainwater can then be used to water school grounds.
- * When cleaning outside play equipment, always **use warm water in a bucket**, with a sponge rather than a hose –this will be more effective as well as **saving water and money**.



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