

## Saving Water In Your Home

Imagine 900 one-litre milk cartons filled with water sitting on your doorstep each morning! Astonishingly, that's how much water is used every day by the average Australian household. But research shows that we require much less than this for our needs. Saving water is important for the environment and can also be good for your wallet.

### How much water do we use indoors?

An average tap flows at a rate of up to 20 litres per minute, depending on how far it's turned on. Apply this to how we use water in different rooms in the house (see below) and the figures are surprising.

<b>In the bathroom</b>	
Brushing teeth	5 litres
Washing hands	5 litres
Flushing toilets	12 litres
Shower (10 Minutes)	200 litres
Bath	100 litres
<b>In the laundry</b>	
Washing machine	150 litres
<b>In the kitchen</b>	
Drinking, cooking & cleaning per person	10 litres/day
Dishwashing by hand	20 litres/wash
Dishwasher	50 litres/day
Garbage disposal unit	10 litres/day

We can reduce community demand for this precious resource if we all use water more carefully.

### How much water am i using in my home?

[Use Origin Energy's Water Efficiency Calculator to find out.](#)

### How does your water usage compare?

[Use the NABERS Home Rating Calculator to find out.](#)

### Water efficient products

The [Australian Government's Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards \(WELS\) Scheme](#) allows you to compare the official water efficiency rating of different household products to help consumers to reduce their water consumption and save money on water and energy bills.

Those products most efficient at using water will be the ones displaying the most blue stars.

The [Smart Watermark](#) database allows you to research products for the home, business or garden based on water or energy efficiency ratings.

Further information about making your home more water efficient and sustainable can be found on the [Australian Government's Your Home](#) website.