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Why save water?

In Northern Ireland, each person on average uses around 155 litres of water everyday! Treating our water requires chemicals, energy and money, and so it is important not to waste it.

By conserving water we are able to also reduce our CO₂ emissions and carbon footprint.

Our changing climate is likely to affect future rainfall and so we should all consider how we can be more 'water wise' and conserve water.

How can you save water?



Dripping taps waste around 30 litres of water per day, and running taps waste as much as 6 litres of water a minute. So remember to turn off the tap when your brushing your teeth!



A five minute shower uses roughly 35 litres of water, which is a lot less than a typical bath, so consider switching if you're able to do so. If you already shower then consider reducing the time by one minute. This will also reduce the amount of water you need to heat, which will reduce your energy costs.



Only fill your kettle with the amount of water needed, which saves water, energy and money. Keeping a jug of water in the fridge can also mean there's no need to run the water until it gets cold.



Try to ensure your washing machines and dishwashers are full before using them.



Use a bowl for washing vegetables, and consider reusing water for plants in your garden. Using a watering can instead of a hose can also significantly reduce water use.



Check for leaks regularly, including dripping taps, leaking toilets and faulty pipes.



- Report any leaks in your home to Choice by emailing repairs@choice-housing.org or by calling **0300 111 2211**
- Report any water leaks in the public supply system to NI Water's Leakline on **0800 028 2011**

For more information on saving water, visit www.niwater.com/education-and-the-community/water-saving

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