

# Do your own water audit – and save!

Auditing your home is a great way to identify areas where you can save water.

An audit also shows you where you use water and where you can make savings, without compromising your lifestyle.

This audit will show you the simple things you can do at home to save water and help you check to see if you are continuing to improve.

To do this audit all you need to do is tick what you already have in place and add up the points. Do this again in six months and see if you have improved your score and become more water efficient.

## Inside the home – do you?

### Kitchen

- Have a [water efficient dishwasher](#)?
- Only do the dishes when you have a full load?
- Have [flow controllers](#) or aerators in your tap?

### Bathroom

- Have a [water efficient shower head](#)?
- Have showers for no longer than five minutes each?
- Have [flow controllers or aerators](#) in your basin taps?
- Always turn the tap off while you are brushing your teeth or shaving?

### Toilet

- Have a [dual flush toilet system](#)?
- If so, do you use the half flush as much as possible?
- Have a toilet that isn't leaking?

### Laundry

- Have a [water efficient washing machine](#) or use the water efficient cycle options?
- Only do the washing when you have a full load?

## Outside the house

- Have a trigger nozzle on your hose?
- Sweep the drive way and paths, rather than hosing them down to clean them.

- If you have a pool, do you have a pool cover?
- Do you have no leaking taps?
- Do you wash the car on the lawn?
- Do you wash the dog or your bike on the lawn?

### In the garden

- When you water the garden and lawn, do you use a tap timer so you don't forget to turn the tap off?
- Do you have drip irrigation?
- Do you only water between dusk and dawn?
- Are your garden beds mulched?
- If so, do you top up your mulch once a year?
- Have native or water efficient species growing in your garden?
- Have you replaced water hungry plants with water efficient species?
- Have you reduced the size of your lawn?

### Home water use calculator

- A [home water use calculator](#) has been developed in conjunction with the [savewater!® Alliance Inc](#) to see where you are using the majority of water in your home and how this compares to the Northern Territory average.

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How to create a Water Wise Garden in the Top End



Green Guide



How to Create a Water Wise Garden in Central Australia