

Tools of the trade

Water efficient products

Below are some products that will help you become more water wise in your home.

Water efficient showerheads

Today's water efficient showerheads use as little as eight litres of water a minute. They come in a range of styles, feel great and are very affordable. Non water efficient showerheads can use between 18 to 20 litres of water a minute, so by changing to a water efficient showerhead you can save up to 12 litres of water each minute.

Dual flush toilets

Save up to two-thirds of toilet water use by replacing your old toilet with a 4-star or higher dual flush toilet. On average, a single flush toilet uses around 12 litres of water per flush. Switching to a 4-star dual flush toilet will save about 25 000 litres of water a year.

Aerators

Flow controlled aerators reduce the amount of water coming out of your household tap without noticing a difference in the flow. They are inexpensive and can reduce water flow by up to 70 per cent.

Trigger nozzle

An essential part of every home with a hose, trigger nozzles give you better control, especially to target the roots of your plants. These are great for hand watering and washing the car.

Tap timers

Tap timers are essential in every garden irrigation system. They ensure your garden gets the right amount of water and you don't forget to turn it off. Manual tap timers are easy to install and are affordable. Electronic timers can be more expensive, but once they are programmed you won't have to remember when to water.

Rain sensors

Rain sensors will turn electronic irrigation systems off when it detects rain to avoid over watering.

Drippers

When it comes to watering your plants, drippers are the most efficient irrigation method. They slowly disperse water to the roots of the plants where it is most needed, and less water is lost from wind and evaporation. Drippers also come in 2, 4 and 8 litres per hour sizes.

Pool covers

On a hot summer's day in Alice Springs, a pool could lose 200-300 litres of water from evaporation – that's up to 30 buckets of water. A pool cover helps reduce evaporation, and keeps leaves and other rubbish out too.