

Mandatory Water Restrictions

In Sydney Water's operating area, homes account for 70 per cent of all water use, while businesses and institutional sectors use the remaining 30 per cent of water.

In homes, 27 per cent of water is used outdoors, 24 per cent on showers, 20 per cent in the laundry, 16 per cent is used for flushing toilets, 10 per cent on kitchen and bathroom taps and 3 per cent on baths.

How much water do I use?

Average water consumption around the home.

(1 standard bucket = approximately 9 litres)

Shower

- ◆ Regular type – almost **2 buckets** per minute
- ◆ AAA-rated showerhead – **1 bucket** per minute

Bath

Average bath – **6.5 buckets**

Toilet

- ◆ 11 litre full flush – **6 buckets** per person per day
- ◆ 11 litre full flush (with cistern weight) – **5 buckets** per person per day
- ◆ AAA-rated dual flush – **2 buckets** per person per day

Hand basin

- ◆ Running tap – up to **2 buckets** per minute

Dishwashing

- ◆ Handwashing – **2 buckets** per cycle
- ◆ Dishwashing machine (1980s model) – **4.5 buckets** per cycle
- ◆ Dishwashing machine (1993–96 model) – **3 buckets** per cycle
- ◆ AAA-rated machine (1998 or later) – **2 buckets** per cycle

Clothes washing

- ◆ Average washing machine – almost **11 buckets** per load
- ◆ Best Practice 5A-rated washing machine – **4.5 buckets** per load

Garden

- ◆ Filling a backyard swimming pool – up to **6,000 buckets**
- ◆ Sprinkler – **111 buckets** per hour
- ◆ Hosing the driveway – **2 buckets** per minute

Car washing

- ◆ Hose washing – **20 buckets** per wash
- ◆ Bucket washing – **11 buckets** per wash

Leaks (taps & pipes)

- ◆ Dripping tap – **3 – 22 buckets** per day
- ◆ Leaking pipe (1.5mm hole) – **11 buckets** per day

Leaks (from toilet cisterns)

- ◆ Slow, barely visible – **1 bucket** per day
- ◆ Leak visible in toilet pan water – **4 buckets** per day
- ◆ Visible – just audible – **16 buckets** per day
- ◆ Quite visible – constant refilling hiss – **29 buckets** per day

Correct as of 13 November 2003.