

Week two – use of water

It's rare for us to experience water shortage, and when we do we tend to blame it on the water companies. Unlimited supply of drinking water is still an unattainable luxury in many parts of the world. By avoiding excessive use of water we help to ensure that supplies in this country are sufficient without the creation of more reservoirs and we remind ourselves of the many people in our world who have no access to clean drinking water – let alone the chance to flush the toilet with it!

Actions

Choose two or three of these:

- Fix dripping taps
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth
- Have a shower rather than a bath
- Shower less than 2 minutes per day
- Turn the shower off while soaping
- Wash your car using a bucket (not a hose pipe)
- Only do full washing loads
- Use economy settings on washing machines
- Don't wash clothes unnecessarily
- Wash up in large batches
- Only run the dishwasher when it's full
- Replace your toilet's flushing mechanism with a modern low-water-consumption design
- Get a 'hippo' for the loo/Place a brick in the cistern
- Don't wash the car
- Collect rain water for use in your garden

Research and campaigning

Choose one of these:

- Research the amount of water used in making products so that you can avoid products manufactured with an intensive use of water
- Investigate installing a rain water system to flush the loo (and for washing clothes)