

Play your part, make your business water smart



South West Water

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It's about the environment...

Saving water is essential to our precious environment. The less we use, the more we can keep our rivers and streams flowing and nature thriving.

And with population growth and climate change there's less water to go around. We're doing everything we can to make sure there's enough water for everyone, but we need your help too.

Every day, over 350,000,000 litres of water are used in our region. That's equivalent to 140 Olympic sized swimming pools! In the South West we want to lead the way to a sustainable water future for us all.

And it's about your business.

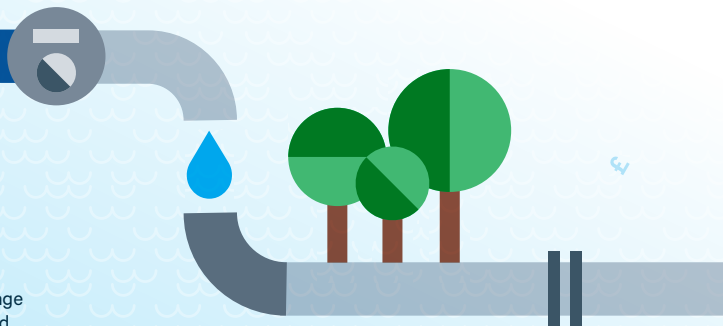


If you're not convinced your efforts can help save the planet, think about the difference they might make to your company budget. If that's not reason enough to make some changes, what is?

By using relevant devices and following our tips an average business could reduce water usage by 1,000 litres per day, saving an estimated £800* on their annual running costs.

There are many simple ways to save water. Read our top tips to find out how you can reduce your water use while helping the environment and your bottom line.

* The potential savings calculations in this leaflet are based on typical average water use and upon standard metered water and sewerage charges.



Small changes can make a big difference.



Did you know?

Fixing leaky loos could contribute around 10% of the additional water capacity we would need if we had an extreme drought before 2050.

TOP TIPS

Leaky loos

A leaking toilet wastes between 215 and 400 litres of clean drinking water on average every day

- How many loos do you have? Check your loos for hidden leaks by placing a piece of dry toilet paper on the back of the pan (wait for half an hour after flushing) to help spot a leak
- Fitting sensor controls on urinals could save on average 80% when compared to uncontrolled flushing

Cistern check

Water displacement devices can save up to 2.5 litres per flush

- Check the water level in all cisterns at least once a year and adjust the float lower to reduce the level
- Fit dual-flush cisterns or convert existing ones. Make sure everyone knows how to use them correctly

DUAL FLUSH
BUTTON



Fix drips

A leaky tap can waste approximately 21 litres of water every single day

- Fit a new tap washer – it only costs a few pence and is quick to fit. Getting that drip fixed means saving two large buckets of water each day

Drinks anyone?

The average person should drink 6 to 8 glasses of water each day

- Keep a jug of water in the fridge to avoid running your tap cold
- Only fill the kettle with as much water as needed (this will save energy too!)
- Adding a **tap aerator** can help to reduce the flow
- Encourage employees to turn the tap off when washing up cups.



Did you know?

The average running tap uses 6 litres of water per minute.

CHECK FOR LEAKS

CHECKLIST



Water meter

- Check your water meter and compare the reading to previous bills to make sure it is in line with expectations. Are you using more than you expect? Can you explain the increased consumption?
- Check if the meter is moving when no water is being used (this may need to be done as an overnight check). If there seems to be a problem, you might be able to isolate the supply at the internal stop tap to determine which side of the tap it is on.



Water pressure

- Check if there have been any changes to on site pressure. Has it fallen?

Water storage tanks

- If you have them check the level of your water storage tanks to see if there have been any changes that could indicate a leak. Are tanks filling more slowly or draining more quickly?

Data logger

- If you have a data logger, which provides detailed consumption information, check if flow rates have increased.

Be ready

- Prepare for a leak. If you have a large site consider installing sub meters and strategic shut off valves to monitor water at different parts of the site and to isolate it quickly without affecting your entire site in the event of a leak. Our number in case of wholesale emergencies is **0800 230 0561**. Make sure your staff are aware of what to do in the event of a leak.

