



We're all in the business of saving water

Whatever your business, please save water for absolute essentials. High demand means that some areas are experiencing drops in water pressure.

See reverse for great water saving tips!

The hot weather means we're seeing a huge increase in the amount of water being used across the UK. Whatever your business, small changes to how you use water in the workplace can make a big difference to demand and help to keep the water flowing this summer. Here's some great water saving tips worth considering in your business – remember, using water wisely in the workplace will reduce your metered bills too:

Employee awareness

- Introduce water saving information, employee suggestions scheme or arrange a water efficiency session to increase awareness of the importance of using water wisely amongst your employees.

In the kitchen or canteen

- Use a dishwasher instead of washing up plates and mugs separately.
- Run a bowl of water rather than let it run to waste down the plug.
- A water cooler will give employees direct access to cold water rather than having to run a tap.

In the bathroom or toilet

- Taps - dripping taps can waste a lot of water over time and result in higher bills.
- Urinal flushing - if you're replacing outdated equipment, using a control device can reduce water consumption by 70% by ensuring that flushing stops when the premises are not in use. Waterless urinals are also available.
- Toilet flushing - older toilets can use up to 13 litres per flush. If you have an older cistern, try a water saving device such as a 'Hippo' or a 'Save-a-Flush' bag which you can order from your local water company. This will save between one litre and three litres per flush.
- Showers - aerating showerheads can help reduce water use by up to 50%.

Grounds

- Thousands of litres of water can be wasted every day on grounds maintenance particularly during the summer months.
- Hosepipes and sprinklers – they use more water in one hour than a family of four will use in a day so keep grass watering to a minimum and use a watering can where possible. Fitting a trigger nozzle to a hosepipe ensures water stops flowing as soon as it is released.
- Water butts - consider collecting rainwater in a tank or butt and using it for watering plants and shrubs. When landscaping try to select plants and shrubs that are tolerant of dry conditions.

Cleaning

- Vehicle washing – try to reduce your vehicle washing activities. When washing vehicles or equipment consider recycling the water.
- Window cleaning – look for opportunities to reduce or prioritise window cleaning activities.

Monitor your water usage

- Meters - find and regularly read your meters and sub meters. Make someone responsible for reading meters either weekly or monthly. A marked increase in water usage may indicate a leak.