

Did you know...

That each person in the UK on average use 150 litres of water a day! A figure that has been growing every year by 1% since 1930.

Most people in the UK consume a lot more than 150 litres, as water is in most of the foods that we eat.

Why do you think that we use so much water?

Filling a Bath

Did you know that just having one bath uses 80 litres of water! While a short shower can use as little as a third of that amount.

Solution

So try and take showers more often than a bath.

But when you do have a bath, you can minimise your water use by reusing your bathwater to water your houseplants or garden.

Washing Machines

Did you know
that a full load in
a washing
machine uses 65
litres of water.

However, a half-load
is not very economical
as it uses more than
half the water of a full
load.

Solution

Try and wait
until you have a
full load before
you wash your
clothes.

Flushing the Toilet

Did you know that
every time you
flush the toilet 2.5
litres of water is
used?

According to the World
Toilet Organization
(WTO), the average person
uses a toilet 2,500 times
year, or six to eight times
a day.

Solution

Some water-saving
bag devices can be
used in the cistern
to save water.

A Dripping/Running Tap

Did you know that a dripping tap can waste up to 4 litres of water a day?

If you leave the tap running it wastes 6 litres per minute, so turning the tap off when brushing can save around 12-18 litres every time you brush your teeth.

If every adult in England and Wales remembered to do this, we could save 180 mega litres a day - enough to supply nearly 500,000 homes.

Solution

When you are brushing your teeth try and turn off the tap.

Using Hosepipes

Did you know that the average hosepipe uses 170 litres of water for every 10 minutes that it is turned on, and in one hour a hosepipe will use the same amount of water as a whole family would typically use in 2 days.

Solutions

So when watering
your garden
remember to use a
watering can and
not a hosepipe.

Also having a
water butt to
collect rain water
reduces the
amount of water
wasted.