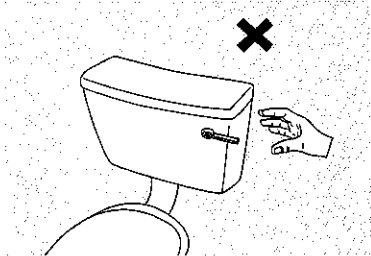
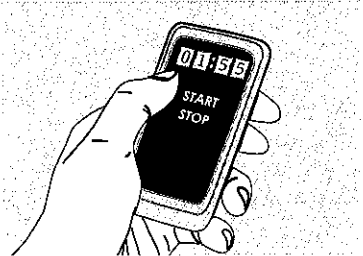


TOP WAYS TO SAVE WATER INDOORS

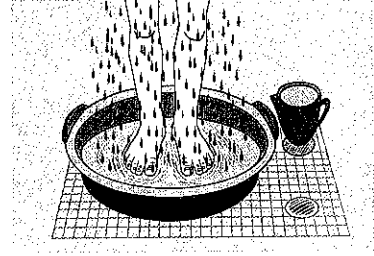
**Cape Town has water restrictions in place.
Keep saving by taking these key indoor actions.**



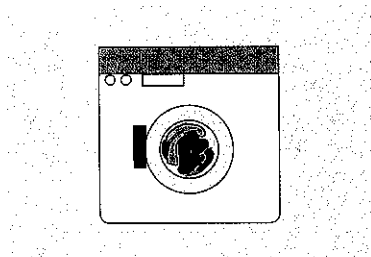
Only flush when necessary.
Don't use it as a dustbin.
'If it's yellow let it mellow.
If it's brown, flush it down.'



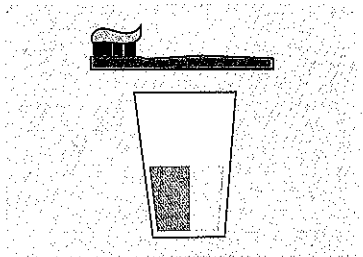
Take a short 2-minute shower.
A standard (non-water-saving)
showerhead can use as much
as 16 litres per minute.



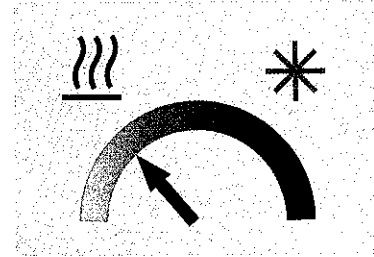
Collect your shower, bath and
basin water and re-use it to
flush your toilet, and for the
garden and car cleaning. *



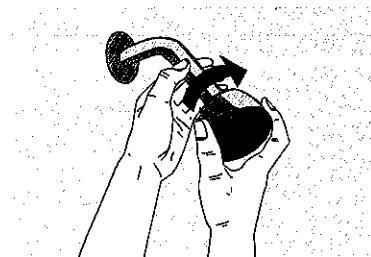
Wait for a full load before running
washing machines and dishwashers.
The rinse water from some
washing machines can be
re-used for the next wash cycle.



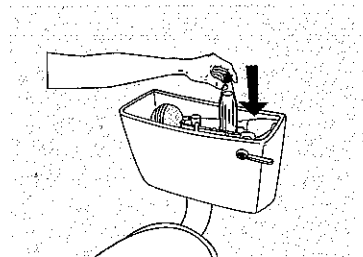
Use a cup instead of running
taps in the bathroom or
kitchen for brushing teeth,
shaving, drinking etc.



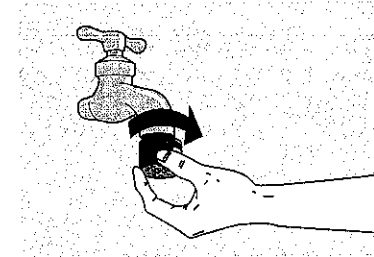
Defrost foods in the fridge or
naturally rather than placing it
under running water.



Switch to an efficient showerhead
which uses no more than
10 litres per minute, as
per the City's By-law.



Upgrade to a multi-flush toilet
and/or put a water displacement
item in the cistern which can halve
your water use per flush.



Fit taps with aerators or
restrictors to reduce flow to no
more than 6 litres per minute,
as per the City's By-law.

Report pipe bursts by SMS 31373 (max 160 characters) and water wastage to: water@capetown.gov.za
or call 0860 103 089. (Standard SMS and 0860 call rates apply)
For more on water saving, restrictions and safe use of greywater go to: www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater

* Greywater use has some health and hygiene risks to be avoided. Keep hands and surface areas sanitised/disinfected.

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FIND AND FIX LEAKS

Leaks can waste a lot of water, especially if they are undetected or underground and left for a long time. Leaks on your property are your responsibility. So here's a guide to finding and fixing them quickly, to save water and save you money.

HOW TO CHECK FOR LEAKS ON YOUR PROPERTY

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STOP

STOP ALL WATER USE.
Close all taps on the property and don't flush toilets.

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CHECK AND RECORD YOUR METER READING.

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WAIT 15 MINUTES AND TAKE ANOTHER READING.
Make sure that nobody has opened a tap or flushed since you first noted the meter reading.

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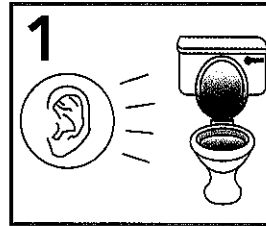
IF THERE IS A DIFFERENCE, YOU HAVE A LEAK TO FIX.
If the number on the meter has increased, it means you have a leak and you need to take action as per the City's By-law.

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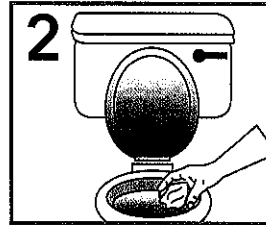
CALL A PLUMBER TO HELP FIX THE LEAK.
Unless its a simple DIY job.

3 SIMPLE TESTS FOR A TOILET LEAK

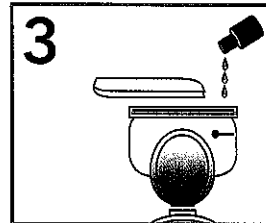
One leaking toilet wastes between about 2 600 and 13 000 litres per month, depending on the flow rate of the leak. A leaking tap wastes between about 400 and 2 600 litres per month.



Listen for water trickling into the toilet bowl.



Press a piece of toilet paper against the inside back surface of the bowl. If it gets wet, you probably have a leak.



Put 15 drops of food colouring into the toilet cistern. If after 15 minutes the water in the toilet bowl has changed colour, there is a leak.

If you can't afford to call a plumber to fix a serious toilet problem, use the little stopcock/'angle valve' tap at the base of the toilet to keep it turned off between flushes.

LIST OF REGISTERED PLUMBERS IN CAPE TOWN - visit: www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater
Note that the City is not responsible for any work done by any plumbers on this list.

DIY GUIDE TO FIXING LEAKS
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REPORT BURST PIPES OR LEAKS IN STREETS AND PUBLIC SPACES
SMS 31373, giving the location and contact phone number in a maximum of 160 characters, and send a photo with its date and time (stamp) as evidence. Please note that City staff have to prioritise the largest pipe bursts and leaks first.

Report water wastage - Call 0860 103 089 or SMS to 31373 (max 160 characters). Standard charge rates apply.
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