

Save water, save money!



Clean water is a valuable and ever more scarce resource we all depend on.

Every year lots of energy is used to purify and pump fresh water direct to your tap.

Doing your bit to save water can cut your water bills and help lighten your environmental footprint.

Take a look these three simple steps you can take to cut your water use and save money!

1 Order a free water saving kit



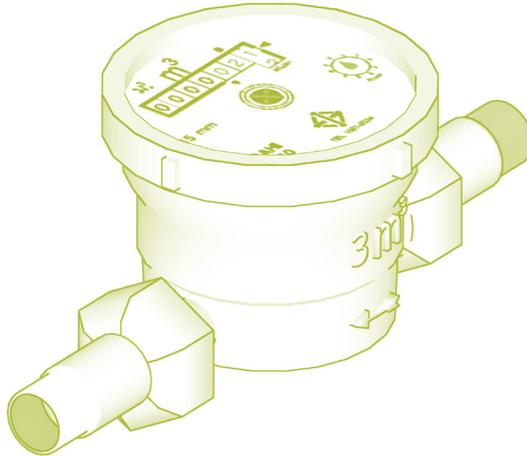
Get a free water saving kit from your water company. The kit is easy to use and contains a range of useful items, which can include:

- Tap aerators – the inserts save the average household up to £36 every year
- Shower timer – the four minute timer helps you take shorter showers
- Save-a-flush kit – lets you save 1.2 litres of water per flush of the toilet
- Universal plug – when you're running the tap, stick a plug in – it'll save lots of water!
- Shower save – attaching this to your mixer shower (non electric) lowers the amount of water you use

Applying for your kit is simple – just visit your water company's website or follow the instructions on your free SYHA water kit voucher.

Did you know that the average bath uses around 80 litres of water. That's enough to make 286 cups of tea!

2 Why not try a water meter?



Households pay for the water they use in one of two ways:

- Water rates - until fairly recently most homes paid a flat fee for the water they consumed, no matter how much water was actually used.
- Water meters – similar to gas and electricity, with a water meter you only pay for the water you actually use. All new homes are now fitted with water meters during building and there is the option for older unmetred homes to request that a water meter is fitted.

Many households find it cheaper to pay for water using a meter, rather than through fixed water rates, particularly if they have a small household or are a moderate water user. Some households can save £100s by moving to a meter.

Getting a meter fitted is quick and easy, and you have up to two years to change your mind if you want to go back to rates. However, if you move into a home which already has a water meter, you will automatically be billed this way.

To find out if a water meter is the right option for you, take a look at your water company's online calculator, or just get in touch with them.

3 Tips for saving water

Small changes in the way you live can save a lot of water! And if you have a meter, it really can help cut your bill. Why not give our simple tips a try and start saving money now!

- Don't wash your dishes under a running tap – fill up a bowl.
- Have a shower rather than a bath – generally speaking it should use less water.
- Make sure you fill up your washing machine and dishwasher with a full load. This will save you having to do multiple loads which will use more water!
- Get dripping taps fixed – a drip can waste 1,200 gallons a year.
- Use a shower timer – spending one minute less in the shower could save you over £100 a year.
- If you're watering the garden or washing the car, why not invest in a water butt and reuse rain water?



Did you know if every adult in the UK turned the tap off when they brushed their teeth, we'd save enough water to supply 500,000 homes every day!

