

Home waterwise quiz

Save water the environment and money

How waterwise are you?

Take this five minute quiz and identify some areas around your home where you can save water.

Responses are graded from less water efficient (three water drops) to more water efficient (one water drop). Simply record the appropriate number of water drops for your response to each question in the score column and then add them together to calculate your total score.

The scores given for each question are a measure of good and bad water saving behaviours only. They do not reflect the actual amount of water consumed, and they cannot be compared between questions.

More information

Other waterwise information is available at www.dews.qld.gov.au or from your local council.



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Bathroom				
Do you have a water-efficient showerhead? OR test your showerhead:	No		Yes	
How long does it take to fill a 9-litre bucket of water?	Less than 30 seconds (Not water efficient)	30 seconds to 1 minute	More than 1 minute (Water efficient)	
How long was your last shower?	More than 8 minutes	5–8 minutes	4 minutes or less	
Do you turn the tap off while you brush your teeth?	No	Yes	Yes, and rinse with a cup	
What type of flush system do your toilets have?	Single flush	Dual flush (1 to 3-star)	New 4.5/3-litre dual flush (4-star)	
Does your toilet leak?	Yes		No	
Kitchen				
How do you wash your dishes?	Dishwasher	By hand or using economy setting on dishwasher (full loads only)	4-star or above dishwasher (full loads only)	
How do you prepare your dishes for washing?	Rinsing under running water	Rinsing in a half-full sink of water	Scraping the plate clean of waste	
How do you wash your vegetables?	Under running water	In a half-filled sink	Using a small amount of water in a bowl or tub	
Laundry				
What type of washing machine do you use?	Older top loader (more than 7 years) or lower star rated	3 star WELS scheme rated	4 star WELS scheme rated or above	
Outside				
What time of the day do you water your garden?	During the heat of the day	Early morning or evening only	Use other water, e.g. rainwater	
What is the usual source of water used in your garden?	Town/mains supply	Other (e.g. greywater)	Rainwater	
How do you clean your driveways and footpaths?	With a hose	With a high-pressure water cleaner	With a broom or blower; don't clean	
How do you wash your car at home?	In the street or on the driveway, with a hose	On the lawn, with a hose	On the lawn, with a bucket to clean and a trigger-nozzle hose to rinse; don't wash car at home	
Do you have a swimming pool?	Yes	Yes, with a regularly used cover or a rainwater tank/diverter for top-up	No; or Yes with a regularly used cover and a rainwater tank/diverter for top-up	
TOTAL	Total your score from each question			

How did you score?

More than 22

The good news is there are a lot more things you can do to become more water efficient. You can find lots of water-saving ideas at www.dews.qld.gov.au.

16 to 22

Well done! Look at some of the helpful hints in our information sheets to help you save even more water!

15 or less

Congratulations! You are a great water saver. Keep up the good work and keep looking for new ways to save water. You will find some on our website www.dews.qld.gov.au.