

## **Portrait of perpetual perplexity**

### **Water saving tips**



From [www.ofwat.gov.uk](http://www.ofwat.gov.uk):-

1. Use a bowl in the sink when washing fruit, vegetables or dishes. You can then use the waste water to water your plants.
2. Fill a jug of water and put it in the fridge for when you want a cool drink.
3. Turn off the tap when you clean your teeth. A running tap uses up to 9 litres of water a minute.
4. Wait until you have a full load before using your washing machine or your dishwasher.
5. If possible, take a shower instead of a bath. A 5-minute shower uses about 40 litres of water. This is about ½ the volume of a standard bath.
6. Use a water-saving device in your toilet cistern. Depending on the size of your cistern, you could save between 1 and 3 litres each time you flush the toilet.
7. Using a watering can in the garden instead of a sprinkler or a hosepipe. Garden sprinklers and hosepipes left running can use between 500 and 1,000 litres of water an hour.
8. Think about fitting a water butt to collect rainwater off your roof. Water butts usually store about 200 litres of water. As well as being better for watering your plants, using rainwater in the garden reduces the amount of treated water you use.

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9. Check your property regularly for leaks on your internal plumbing.

Even if you do not have a meter, using water wisely and cutting down on the amount of hot water you use will lower your gas and electricity bills.

Using less water will also help reduce the greenhouse gases that are released from collecting, treating and supplying clean water.

There are also more water saving tips to be found here:-

<https://www.ccwater.org.uk/households/using-water-wisely/>

And there are details of a new, voluntary labelling scheme for water-using products available here:-

<http://www.europeanwaterlabel.eu/>

(Similar to the energy efficiency label on kitchen appliances.)



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