

FACTSHEET 2:

Tips for being water smart at Aura

There are a number of water-saving initiatives that can significantly reduce your water bills as well as conserve water.

- Harvesting rainwater in a tank gives you a personal supply of water to use internally and externally at your house. Internally, your tank will be connected to laundry and toilets. You will also have external connection for garden use. However you can also connect your rainwater tank for greywater recycling for the laundry and toilets. The average Australian household can use around 1,500 litres of greywater each week.
- Selecting water-efficient fixtures and appliances within your home and garden can significantly reduce your water consumption and water bills. WELS, Australia's water efficiency labelling scheme, allows you to compare the water efficiency of different products by requiring certain products to have water rating labels. For example, a front-loading washing machine generally uses a third less water than a top loader. Aside from the star rating, the water-rating label carries other useful information, such as water consumption and flow rates.



For more information visit the WELS website:

www.waterrating.gov.au

- Even if you've installed water-efficient appliances in your home, use recycled water or have rainwater tanks, there are still many ways you can avoid wasting water.

Water-saving activities *Amount of water saved*

Cut each shower by 2 minutes	24 litres per shower
Turn off the tap while brushing teeth	8 litres per clean
Wash vegetable and fruit in a basin rather than under running water	15 litres per meal
Turn off the tap when soaping hands	6 litres per clean
Chill drinking water in the fridge instead of running tap water until it is cool	5 litres per glass of water
Reduce your clothes washing by one wash per week (with a water-efficient washing machine)	65 litres per week
Shower instead of bath (install a water-efficient shower rose to halve the amount of water used with every shower)	87 litres per shower
Install a pool cover	100 litres per week



Tip: Ensure your rainwater tank and pump are inspected regularly by a licenced plumber. We recommend inspecting every 12 months. Correct operation of your tank and pump will save you money on your water bills and will also help protect the environment.