

Home water use and checking for leaks

Investigating your home water use is a helpful way to find leaks around your home and garden. It's also a handy way to make sure you're not using or paying more than you need to – saving you water and money.

How to conduct a home water audit

Check fittings and appliances for faults and leaks

- **Plumbing fittings: taps, toilet, shower, hot water service**
Fixing one dripping tap can save up to 20,000L a year.
- **Water appliances: washing machine, dishwasher, evaporative cooler**
Old or faulty appliances can use up 20,000L a year.
- **Garden watering systems: irrigation connections, timers**
Wet patches in the garden can indicate faults or leaks.

Common reasons for increased water use

- **Have you had more people in your home?**
New additions to your household or visiting guests can increase water use.
- **Have your garden watering needs changed due to new plants/lawn or season?**
Warmer seasons and establishing new gardens can increase water use.

What am I responsible for?

