

WELS can save you money!

WELS is Australia's water efficiency labelling scheme. Under this scheme certain products are required to be registered and labelled with a star rating to identify its water efficiency characteristics.

How the WELS rating system works

- A 0 to 6 star rating that allows a quick comparative assessment of the product's water efficiency level.
- The more stars on the label the more water efficient the product.
- Water consumption flow of the product is based on laboratory tests.

The following tables show some of the water and energy savings that can be made by installing a higher star rated appliance in your home.

Dishwashers

Appliance	Compared to	Level of improved water efficiency & savings		
Dishwashers	1 star	3 star	4 star	5 star
Annual % savings	N/A	30%	40%	50%
Annual \$ savings	N/A	\$45	\$60	\$70

*Based on a 2.5 person household with seven washes per week.

Costs Australian national averages: energy tariff 15.36 c/kWh for electricity and water tariff \$1.023/kilolitre.

Showerheads

Appliance	Compared to	Level of improved water efficiency & savings	
Showerheads	16 l/min	9 l/min	6 l/m
Annual % savings	N/A	30%	40%
Annual \$ savings	N/A	\$375	\$535

*Based on a 2.5 person household with seven minute shower daily per person.

Costs Australian national averages: energy tariff 15.36 c/kWh for electricity and water tariff \$1.023/kilolitre.

Toilets and Urinals

Appliance	Savings by star rating	Level of improved efficiency & savings	
Toilets	3 Stars	4 Stars	5 Stars
Annual % savings	48%	55%	60%
Urinals	4 Stars	6 Stars	Waterless Urinals
Annual % savings	68%	75%	100%

*Based on a 2.5 person household with seven minute shower daily per person.

Costs Australian national averages: energy tariff 15.36 c/kWh for electricity and water tariff \$1.023/kilolitre.

Washing machines

Appliance	Compared to	Level of improved water efficiency & savings		
Washing machines	1 star	3 star	4 star	5 star
Annual % savings	N/A	50%	65%	75%
Annual \$ savings	N/A	\$90	\$115	\$135

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