

TIP 2: USE LESS PER FLUSH WITHOUT NOTICING

A toilet uses a large share of household water. A dual-flush system or a simple cistern displacement (like a filled bottle) reduces litres used every single time.

TIP 1: CUT WATER WITHOUT CHANGING BEHAVIOUR

Fit tap aerators or a low-flow showerhead. They reduce water use every time you turn them on, without you having to think about it.

TIP 3: KNOW YOUR NUMBERS AT HOME

Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period with no water use. If it changes, you likely have a hidden leak that could be wasting hundreds of litres a day.

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Did You Know?

A leaking toilet can lose 200 to 400 litres of water a day, and a dripping tap can waste 5,000 to 10,000 litres a year.

TIP 4: WORK WITH YOUR SOIL, NOT AGAINST IT

Heavy clay soils shed water quickly, while sandy soils absorb it. Watering, fertilising, or washing down hard surfaces before rain increases runoff and pollution.

TIP 5: DON'T TURN DRAINS INTO DISPOSAL

Oils, chemicals, and medicines do not disappear down the sink. They travel through the system and can end up in rivers, making water harder to treat and reuse.

Additional Resources

- Uisce Éireann – Check your household water use and conservation tips: www.water.ie/conservation/home
- Environmental Protection Agency Ireland – Water quality and monitoring in Ireland: www.epa.ie
- Local Authority Waters Programme – Local water protection and river catchment information: www.lawaters.ie
- Catchments.ie – Interactive maps and explanations of where your local water comes from and its quality: www.catchments.ie

