Save Water, Save Your Rivers

The South East of England gets half the rainfall than the rest of the UK receives. With a changing climate there is greater pressure on our water resources. We need to work together to make sure there is water for everyone now and in the future.

On average each person uses over 150 litres of water a day, this is equivalent to 15 buckets or two full baths. In the home we use:

- **32%** Bathing & Showering
- **20%** Flushing Toilets
- **12%** Cooking & Drinking
- **10%** Washing Hands
- **9%** Washing Dishes
- **8%** Washing Clothes
- **6%** Gardening
- **3%** Other Household Use

Saving water is easy and helps protect our local rivers.

Save Water in the Garden

Did you know that on average **85,000 litres of rain falls** on our roofs every year?

Install a water butt to collect rain and use it to water plants or to wash the car.
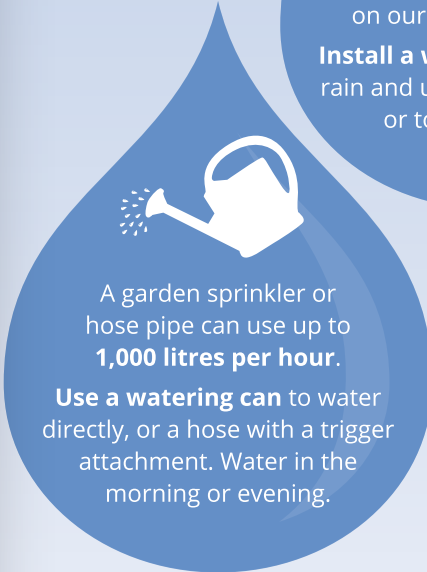
A garden sprinkler or hose pipe can use up to **1,000 litres per hour**.

Use a watering can to water directly, or a hose with a trigger attachment. Water in the morning or evening.

Find out more:

To participate in free, fun water saving events check out Colne Valley Regional Park for upcoming events: www.colnevalleypark.org.uk

Your local water company, Affinity Water, provides free water saving devices.

Visit: www.affinitywater.co.uk/savewater

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Water is a precious resource which humans and wildlife need to live.

The Colne Valley Regional Park has over 200km of watercourses and over 60 lakes. These are under threat from climate change.

The water we use at home comes from underground sources called aquifers. These provide water for rivers and other water bodies as well as for our homes. The more water we use at home means there is less for local rivers and wildlife.

Saving water is easy and making small changes can really make a difference.

Save water
Save money
Save your local rivers and wildlife

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Maple Cross
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Harefield
Gerrards Cross
Denham
Ickenham
UXBRIDGE
Iver Heath
Iver
SLOUGH
Langley
West Drayton
Colnbrook
Horton
HEATHROW
Wraysbury
STAINES

Save Water at Home

Over half of the water we use at home is used in the bathroom, so it's a great place to start saving.

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. This **saves over 6,500 litres** a year!

Only wash clothes if they really need it – this helps stop microfibres entering our waterways and makes your clothes last longer.
Use your washing machine only when full.

Shorten your shower, aim for **4 minutes**.

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An **average bath uses 80 litres of water**, that's more than half of daily water use. Take a shallow bath or take a short shower instead.

If your toilet has two buttons to flush **use the little button** for liquids.
Turn your single flush toilet into a water saving one by installing a 'Save-a-Flush'. This **saves 1.2 litres** per flush.
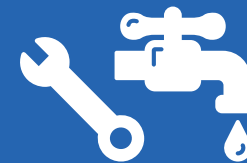
Fix leaky loos – A **leaky toilet can waste up to 400 litres** per day.