

BE WATER WISE

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SUPERHERO TO SAVE THE PLANET!

There are simple things you can do to help our environment. Habits are hard to break but if you make small changes, they will soon become part of your daily routine.

WATER RATING

WELS (Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards) Scheme is Australia's water efficiency labelling scheme. WELS rates products from one to six stars after thorough testing, so you know which products help reduce water use.

When your parents are buying new appliances or equipment, get them to look at the WELS (Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards) label or sticker. The more stars the better.

HOW MUCH WATER DO WE USE?

Each Top Ender uses about 55 buckets of water a day and Central Australians use about 70 buckets. On average, Territorians use more than twice the amount of water than people in other states.

OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSE

- ▶ Use a broom, not a hose, to clean your driveway.
- ▶ In the garden, use a trigger nozzle hose.
- ▶ Is it your job to wash the family car? Save water while you're doing it by washing the car with a sponge and bucket and use a trigger nozzle hose.
- ▶ Turn sprinklers off when it's raining.
- ▶ Don't mow your lawn too short.
- ▶ Don't over water your lawn.
- ▶ Only water the garden after 8pm.
- ▶ Get your parents to buy a timer for the garden tap.

INSIDE YOUR HOUSE

- ▶ Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth.
- ▶ Wash fruit and vegies in a bowl of water instead of under a running tap.
- ▶ Wash the dishes by hand instead of using the dishwasher.
- ▶ When doing dishes by hand, wash them in a sink, not under running water.
- ▶ Take shorter showers.
- ▶ Turn off the shower while you lather or soap up and when you shampoo and condition your hair.
- ▶ Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up.
- ▶ If your toilet has one, use the half flush whenever possible.
- ▶ If you spot a leaky tap, tell your parents and they can get it fixed.
- ▶ Is your toilet always hissing at you? Tell your parents. It could be a leak.

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