



WasteLESS Week - Water Facts & Tips

Water Facts

1. Each person in the UK uses 150 litres of water a day. This takes into account cooking, cleaning, washing and flushing. This has been rising by 1% a year since 1930.
2. Water scarcity is a real problem in the UK, yet we are among the highest consumers of water in Europe. For example, London is drier than Istanbul!
3. 70% of the Earth is covered with water but only about 1% of the world's water is readily available for human use. Nearly 97% is salty or otherwise undrinkable. Another 2% is locked in the ice caps and glaciers. That leaves just 1% for all humanity's needs
4. Having a short shower instead of a full bath can save about 40 litres of water – water saving shower heads can reduce the water used to wash by 50% (another 20 litres of water!)
5. More than half (63%) our daily water consumption at home originates from the bathroom and toilet.

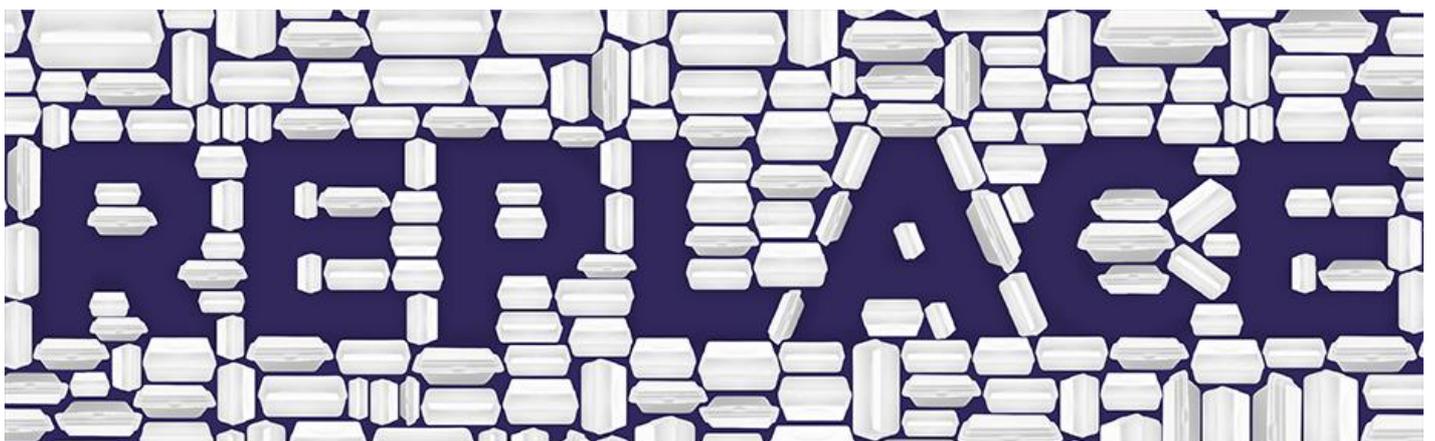


Work Water Tips

1. Raise awareness about water use by including it in weekly or monthly team meetings.
2. Investigate the installation of sub-meters to measure, benchmark and monitor water usage.
3. Install water efficient equipment such as sensors, timed taps, Waterblade and waterless urinals. A spray head tap or aerator can reduce consumption by up to 70%.
4. Maintain taps and all water fixtures like urinals and cisterns. A dripping tap can waste tens of litres of water a day. Report leaks and dripping taps.
5. Place stickers or informative materials at water points to inform users of water use reduction. These can be ordered as or downloaded as appropriate.

Home Water Tips

1. Make sure your water pipes and external taps are lagged in time for the cold winter months to prevent burst pipes, which can cause serious damage and waste water.
2. Install a water butt and water your plants and wash your car without using your hosepipe.
3. When buying new appliances, consider those that offer cycle and load size adjustments. They are more water and energy efficient.
4. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth which will save up to 4 gallons a minute. That's up to 200 gallons a week for a family of four!
5. Install a cistern displacement device in your toilet – these can be obtained free of charge from your water company and displaces water in your cistern so that the volume of water in your flush is reduced by between 1 – 3 litres.



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