

# *The top 10 water saving tips for the home.*

- 1. Smile at the savings.** Turning off the tap when brushing your teeth can save around 580 glasses of water a week.
- 2. Shave off a few litres.** You can save thousands of litres every year by plugging the basin while you're shaving.
- 3. Give the plants a bath.** A great way to reduce water usage is to re-use bath and shower water for your pot plants.
- 4. Shower in threes.** Keeping showers to 3 minutes will save at least 9 litres of water per minute for each person in your home.
- 5. Get a friendlier flush.** A leaking toilet wastes up to 16,000 litres of water a year. You can check your toilet by putting some food colouring in the cistern and waiting for 15 minutes. If colouring appears in the bowl without flushing, the cistern is leaking and needs attention from a plumber.
- 6. Don't be a drip.** A dripping tap wastes around 14,000 litres of water a year. Update your taps or have the washers replaced by a licensed plumber. You can also install Neoperl PCA water saving aerators in old taps and showers to make them more water efficient.
- 7. Load up in the laundry.** Washing your clothes only when you have a full load will save water. Using cold water will also dramatically reduce energy consumption.
- 8. Warm food in the fridge.** You can place frozen food in the fridge to defrost overnight rather than using running water to do the job.
- 9. Save by degrees.** Make sure your hot water system thermostat is set no higher than 50 degrees. This is hot enough for all household uses. Any hotter and you'll simply be wasting energy.
- 10. Get a star dishwasher.** When buying a dishwasher, select a model with at least a 3 Star rating. These use up to 44% less water than less other models.