

# Tips to save water at home

**Saving water starts from you – either at home or work. Here are a few simple tips.**

1. Take water just enough in a glass for drinking. This leads to recognize the value of water.
2. Repair dripping / leaking taps and tanks immediately. It saves water up to 40 lit/day!
3. Do not leave water tap open while shaving or brushing.
4. Put shower off while shampooing.
5. Load washing machine fully for each wash.
6. Use efficient showerheads. Prefer a bucket for bathing.
7. In manual laundry, reuse last rinse water for soiled clothes soaking.
8. Bathe pets on lawn or in garden.
9. Fit cocks and taps at such at accessible places for immediate and easy maintenance.
10. When not in use, cover tanks, fountains and small ponds to save them from getting dirty.
11. Replace old cistern with a smaller and more efficient six-liter cistern for toilet flushing.
12. Water balcony plants using fish tank drain water.
13. Use press-cock for water dispensing instead of quarter turn taps in toilets.
14. Use sink / bathroom water (sullage) directly for garden irrigation.
15. Reuse water seeped from hand washed clothes for bathroom / toilet scrubbing.
16. Reuse wash-water percolated from washed vegetables or pulses for gardening.
17. Use low-suds detergents that foam less. These are equally efficient but use lesser rinse water.
18. Instill value of water in children to use it frugally.
19. Allocate car washing area in the garden so that wash-water reaches the plants.
20. Do not wash pathways using piped water. Use limited water from a bucket.
21. Drain condensate from air conditioner directly on lawn.
22. Prefer drip irrigation while planning garden irrigation.
23. Use sprinkler system for watering lawns.
24. If in large numbers, plant trees only in monsoons.
25. Use terracing / small bunding if garden is on slope to arrest runoffs.
26. Install water meters to keep a watch on water consumption.
27. Think of new ideas and ways to save water and spread its importance to acquaintances and friends.
28. Do water budgeting and audit the actual usage.
29. Invest in a sewage treatment and recycle plant: it definitely pays back as water is becoming scarce every day.

