



Keeping a clean and efficient kitchen while conserving water is possible:



Wait until you have a **full load of dishes** before washing them.



Rinse dishes or food items **in a basin** and - re-use the water to water the garden.



Don't thaw frozen food under a running tap; rather **defrost overnight or in the microwave**.



**Steam** vegetables instead of boiling them.



**One-pot** meals use fewer dishes, which means less washing up.



**Re-use** water from boiling pasta or vegetables in the garden.








# WATER-SAVING CHECKLIST

Make sure you stock up on these essentials:

-  **Buckets and basins:**  
To catch and store grey water.
-  **One-ply toilet paper:**  
To prevent sewage blockages.
-  **Bleach or disinfectant:**  
For bathrooms and toilets.
-  **Plastic pipes or sleeves:**  
To harvest rainwater from gutters.
-  **Waterless hand sanitiser:**  
For basic hygiene.
-  **Rainwater tank:**  
As a long-term investment.



REPORT ALL WATER LEAKS AND ABUSE:

-  0800 20 50 50
-  [waterleaks@mandelametro.gov.za](mailto:waterleaks@mandelametro.gov.za)
-  [www.nelsonmandelabay.gov.za](http://www.nelsonmandelabay.gov.za)
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# MAKE SAVING WATER A WAY OF LIFE!

TIPS & GUIDE





# HOW TO USE YOUR 50ℓ

Every resident must use 50 litres or less per day.

Plan your consumption and catch and re-use water wherever possible.

Here's what you can do with 50 litres:



2ℓ

Drinking water



2ℓ

Cooking water



2ℓ

Washing hands



9ℓ

1 toilet flush



10ℓ

2 minute shower



9ℓ

1 sink of dishes



5ℓ

Household cleaning



1ℓ

Water for pets



10ℓ

Laundry

**DID YOU KNOW?** Cutting your shower time by just one minute can save up to 10 litres a day - or 3,650 litres a year!



## LEARN HOW TO READ YOUR WATER METER TO SEE JUST HOW MUCH WATER YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE SAVING!

- 1 Locate the meter on your property.
- 2 Read the number on the dial.
  - The black numbers represent kilolitres (kℓ).
  - The red numbers represent litres (ℓ).
- 3 Take a reading first thing in the morning before anyone in your household starts using water.
- 4 Take another reading last thing at night.
- 5 Subtract (-) the morning number from the evening number. Divide (÷) the answer by the number of people in your household.

**IF THE RESULT IS MORE THAN 50, YOU ARE OVER THE LIMIT!**

THREE WAYS TO SAVE THE BAY:

**REDUCE RE-USE**

**RECYCLE**

**STOP** all non-essential use of municipal water immediately  
**THINK** twice before you pour water down the drain  
**INSTALL** a greywater system or rainwater tank