



Swimming pools

Topping up swimming pools and ponds from a hosepipe can **use up to 1,000 litres of water per hour.**

Some pools automatically refill when the level is low. Assess how much water you use by taking a meter reading before and after you top up your pond or pool.

Make sure there are no leaks in your pool as topping up can use a great deal of water. As with sprinklers, swimming pools will also require a water meter.



Car washing

A hosepipe can **use up to 240 litres of water** with each 15 minute wash. Why not use a **bucket and sponge to clean your car?** You will use much less water and your car will still be sparkling at the end.

Save water in the kitchen



Washing machine and dishwashers

Only use your washing machine with a full load – it uses **less water than two half loads**, saving you money on energy and water.

If you are buying a new water appliance look at the Eco-labels for energy and water consumption.

Washer-dryers can use tap water to condense moisture out of clothes when they tumble dry, so you are actually using water to get your clothes dry!

Hang your washing on a line to dry if possible – your clothes will smell fresher and you will also save water, energy and money.

Use your dishwasher only when it is full.



Water use in the average home



Source: Affinity Water Customer Usage Study



Taps

A dripping tap can waste a whopping **5,000 litres of water a year.**

Check all your taps to ensure they shut off. Change the washers on taps that do not shut off properly.

Fit flow restrictors or aerated tap inserts to **reduce water flow by up to 50%.**

Rinse vegetables in a bowl rather than under running water. You can then use this water on the garden, houseplants or even tip it in your water butt!

When boiling the kettle, save water and energy by only boiling enough for your immediate use.

Store tap water in a covered container in the fridge so you don't need to run the tap each time.

For more water efficiency tips and free water saving devices, please visit:

www.affinitywater.co.uk/savewater

