Water Audit Guide

Our water audit guide aims to help you determine where water is most used at your property.

See below to learn how to:

- Read your water meter; and
- Check for leaks.

Did you know?

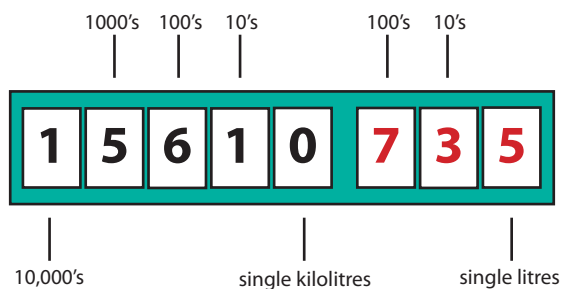A dripping tap or leaking toilet can waste up to 11 buckets of water a day!

Regularly checking taps, pipes and fittings around your home can save bucket loads of water.

How to read your water meter

Reading your meter is easy:

The red numbers indicate single litres. When water is in use these numbers can tick over quickly.

We read the black digits only and charge per kilolitre used. Your usage is calculated by subtracting the previous reading from the current reading.

| 1000's | 100's | 10's | | | 100's | 10's |

1 5 6 1 0 7 3 5

10,000's   single kilolitres   single litres

1 kilolitre = 1,000 litres

How to check for leaks

1 Find your water meter and record the reading. If you have a camera on your phone simply take a photo. Make sure you do not use any water for a few hours.

2 Read the meter again a few hours later making sure you haven't used any water during the test period.

3 Compare the two sets of numbers. If they are the same there is no leak.

If they are different, you may have a hidden leak on your property and will need to engage a licensed plumber to locate and repair as soon as possible.

How to use this guide

1 Take a photo or write down the meter reading before and after an activity to determine how much water has been used. Record this amount in the relevant space below.

2 Determine how many times a day you undertake each activity, and then calculate how many times a week the activity is undertaken. Record your calculations below.

3 Once you have determined how many litres you use for each activity, and how often, you can then calculate your weekly water usage.

4 By doing this exercise, you will not only see where you use the most water, you can then determine where there is potential to save water and consequently save money.

	Litres used for activity		Number of times per day		Number of days each week		Litres used weekly
In the kitchen							
Hand washing dishes	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
Using dishwasher	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
In the bathroom							
Average shower	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
Average bath	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
Brushing teeth	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
Toilet half flush	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
Toilet full flush	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
In the laundry							
Hand washing	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
Machine wash	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
In the garden							
Sprinkler (one hour)	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
Cleaning hard surfaces (e.g. paths, windows)	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
Washing car/boat	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
Topping up pool	( )	x	( )	x	( )	=	
example	(9)	x	(3)	x	(7)	=	189