

Free water heating tips



Set hot-water timers as precisely as you can to suit your routine

Most central heating hot-water systems do not need to be on for long to reach a sufficient temperature.

- In the winter, when the heating may be on, this may not matter.
- For other times of the year you can save money by setting times more precisely.
- Savings can be made all year by reducing hot water usage.

Using emersion heaters

These are a very expensive way to heat water and should only be used as a last resort.

- If you really have to use an emersion heater, don't forget to turn it off when it is not needed.
- You can use an alarm on your phone to remind you.
- Try to use it for the minimum time necessary to heat the water needed.

Did you know?...



Toilets and other potential sources of water loss

Toilets can waste water.

- Many water companies – including Bristol Water – will send you a free bag to be placed in the cistern to reduce the amount of water used when flushing.
- Dual flush toilets quite often leak. Bristol Water and other water companies can send you a simple device to help you spot this problem so that it can be fixed by a plumber.

Make sure you are not paying for water leaks.

- If you switch off all your appliances and taps and the water meter is still registering a flow, you may have a long-term slow leak which you are paying for and may possibly be causing damage.

Free water saving tips



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Use the GetWaterFit website

This gives accurate indications of how much water is used in the bathroom and how you can reduce it. It also shows how much energy can be saved.

[Click here to go to the GetWaterFit website](#)

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Saving shower and tap water for the garden

Keen gardeners can save water at any time by having a jug handy to collect water before it reaches temperature. This is particularly useful during or after a dry summer when reservoirs run low.

- This water saving trick can apply to other taps in the house as well – you are already paying for it, use it.
- Although droughts highlight water shortages in some parts of the country, it is not just during the summer when water consumption needs to be reduced since reservoirs are refilled throughout the year. A drought tends to occur after a dry winter or spring.
- If you have a water butt, you can top it up with this saved water during a dry period ready for when you need it for the garden.

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Showerheads

Efficient showerheads are available and you may be able to get a free one.

- The free flow control devices available from water companies do not fit all installations so you need to check.
- Reducing shower water usage saves energy as well as water.
- The GetWaterFit website will be able to tell you more about efficient showering.

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