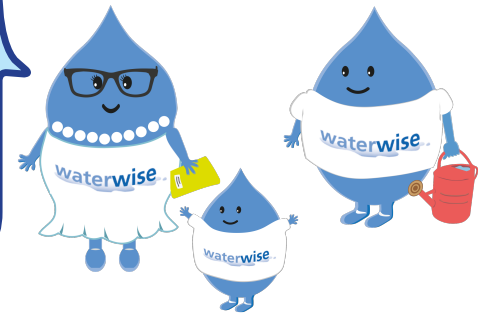




Water in your community

Waterwise Water Saving Week is dedicated to raising awareness of how to save water by using it wisely. This is an annual event and coincides with World Water Day.

Each week day has a unique theme that will focus on saving water in a particular area whether it be at home, in your garden, at work, at school or in your local community. These information packs (one for each themed day) will help you think about how to save water by giving you challenges to do each day as well as some extra water saving tips! So get involved, take on the challenges, try the tips and let us know how you're doing by tweeting us @Waterwise using #watersavingweek.



Why save water in your community?

Saving water can help your community:

If everyone in a community uses water wisely it can have a greater and more positive impact on your local water resources, such as rivers and streams – which is where your tap water often comes from. This will help to make your community more resilient to the impacts of climate change and population growth, both of which have an effect on how much water there is in the environment.

Saving water in your community helps to protect your local water environments:

Local water environments such as rivers, lakes and wetlands: Reducing the amount of water you use can help to minimise the amount of water that is abstracted from your local water resources. If too much water is removed, this can result in wildlife habitats being lost.

Saving water in your community helps make a bigger difference:

Everyone working together within local communities makes a big difference to people and places! It can help bring communities together and preserve what you love about your local environment.



Share how you're doing with our daily challenges by tweeting us: @Waterwise #watersavingweek



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WATER SAVING TIPS

GO AND EXPLORE!: Make a visit to your local water bodies (rivers, lakes, wetlands and reservoirs) and explore them whether by going for a walk, taking part in activities that might be available, or simply sitting and enjoying the view. Tweet us a picture @Waterwise using #watersavingweek

PLANNING NUISANCE: Respond to planning consultations, ask what surfaces, rainwater harvesting and water efficient appliances are being installed - every drop of water that is saved in your community will help to protect your local rivers and streams.

WATER, FUN & GAMES: Organise a water game at your next school or community fete. It's a fun way to raise money (WaterAid is a worthwhile charity to support). Activity: time how quickly people can carry 15 buckets of water from one side of the fete to the other - in total that's how much we use everyday (150 litres!). Don't waste the water afterwards but use it to give trees and plants a drink! There are also water saving games for children available online too.

APP HAPP Water-saving apps for your smart phone can help you choose products and calculate your water use. Search 'water efficiency'. Why not compete with your family and friends and see who can save the most water?

WATER SAVERS: A lot of organisations are trying to help people save water as it makes environmental and financial sense so check if your local council, local water company, bank, supermarket or energy provider has any water giveaways or discount vouchers. Also try and support local businesses who have made efforts to save water - it will encourage others to do the same.

ANYONE FOR WASTEWATER?: It takes 13 litres to produce 1 litre of petrol. Using your legs/public transport when travelling around your local community will save water, energy and money.

HOLY WATER: Water is important in all religions so ask your religious leader to give a talk about the role of water conservation.

GIVE SOMETHING BACK: Why not help maintain and protect your local water environment by volunteering with your local Rivers Trust, Wildlife Trust, local council or other environmental organisations that maintain and protect local water environments?



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This diagram shows why water is important for your community. To show us how you are being a water efficient community send us your photos to wsw@waterwise.org.uk or tweet them to us @Waterwise using #watersavingweek

