



Water in your workplace

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 at work?

Saving water at work can help you save other resources:

If you include the products we use our water consumption is 3400 litres a day per person! If your workplace cuts down on these products not only water be saved but also money, as most commercial premises are on a water meter. For example, if your workplace uses recycled paper and card products you can not only save water (roughly 10 litres of water is used for every new sheet of A4) but also trees, energy and money!

Saving water at work can save energy:

Many companies find that when they save water they can also save money on energy and process costs. For example, by using natural ventilation via windows instead of air-con units, energy bills will be reduced, as well as water, saving your business money.



WaterSafe – the industry-recognised body that brings together thousands of qualified plumbing businesses in the UK – backs the use of plumbing products which use technology to automatically reduce water and energy consumption, often without the household noticing a difference. These include tap and shower aerators, which add air into the water to maintain the flow while using less water.

Find your nearest WaterSafe approved plumber at www.watersafe.org.uk



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



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WATER SAVING TIPS

HAVE A WATER AUDIT: In England and Scotland, businesses can choose their water retailer - ask your existing retailer what water savings they can offer you, through advice, auditing your water use and managing leakage and waste. If they say they can't, approach another retailer and ask them the same question! In Wales or Northern Ireland, your water company can offer you advice on reducing your water use and may carry out a free water audit.

DITCH BOTTLES: Ask your workplace to replace bottled water with mains water fountains.

BE COMPETITIVE: Set goals and get offices and stores competing for prizes by saving the most water.

INSTANT DRINKS: At work, having a point of use water heaters means you don't have to wait for cold or hot water, saving you water and time!

STAY PUT WHEN YOU NEED TO MEET: To refine 1 litre of petrol uses 10 litres of water and to produce the fuel to fly 100 miles uses 4000 litres of water, so hold phone and video conferences where possible to avoid travelling unnecessarily.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Ask for a phone number to be displayed in washrooms and toilets at work to report leaks or faulty equipment.

SAVE WATER AND ENCOURAGE IT WHILST YOU'RE AWAY: When you stay in a hotel try and re-use your towel (it's a big water saver) and if the hotel you stay in has good water efficiency fittings, give feedback, (including on twitter, tagging @waterwise in) encouraging them to continue saving water.

KEEP THE WATER-SAVING KNOWLEDGE FLOWING: Add a water saving tip in your company newsletter, on your website and even on the bottom of your email signature.

SIGN UP: Encourage your staff to sign up to Waterwise's newsletter at www.waterwise.org.uk