



Week 2 – Saving Water

Why is it important?

Have you thought how the water of our planet is distributed? Out of the Earth's total supply of water, 97.5 percent is salt water and only 2.5 percent is freshwater. Furthermore, the amount of freshwater trapped in glaciers and icecaps is 2.2 percent, leaving only 0.8 percent of the Earth's total water available for everyday human use.

The water that is available for humans needs to be shared by everyone in the world, and therefore it is important not to waste it. Many areas in the world do not have access to safe, clean drinking water, so it is everyone's responsibility to use water wisely.

Although there is enough annual rainfall in Ireland, we are limited in how much water we can take from the environment. By using only what we need, we can all play our part in safeguarding our water for our future,

Knowing where we waste water can inspire us to take positive action.

Water Saving Tips

There are many things that we can do to reduce our water consumption and the actions we take as individuals can make a big difference. By making small, mindful changes to our daily habits, we can all do our part to save more water now to help sustain it for our future generation of water users.



Take a shower

Tip: Take a shower instead of a bath to reduce water usage.



Drop the hose

Tip: Use a rosehead watering can in the garden instead of a hose or sprinkler and aim for the roots.



Use a bucket

Tip: If you need to wash your car, use a bucket and sponge, instead of a hose.



Time your shower

Tip: Taking a shorter shower can save up to 10 litres of water a minute.



If it's yellow, let it mellow

Tip: Consider only flushing the toilet when you really need to.



Fix dripping taps

Tip: Avoid using excess water at home by mending taps and running toilets.



Turn off the tap

Tip: Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth or shaving.



Keep chilling

Tip: Keep a jug of water in the fridge instead of running the cold tap.



Butt Seriously!

Tip: Install a water butt to harvest rainwater from your gutters. Use it to water your garden or wash your yard.



Garden clever

Tip: Water your plants or crops in the early morning or late evening. This saves water evaporating and avoids scorching your plants or crops too.

There is lots more information on niwater.com and water.ie

There are a number of water efficiency items that you can order for free to help you with your challenge. They are simple to order and arrive quickly. To order visit <https://www.savewatersavemoney.co.uk/> and then enter your postcode which will take you directly to our order page. **These are only available for NI addresses.



4 Minute Shower Timer



2 Minute Crocodile Toothy Timer



Plant Water Saving Gel



Save a Flush Cistern Bag



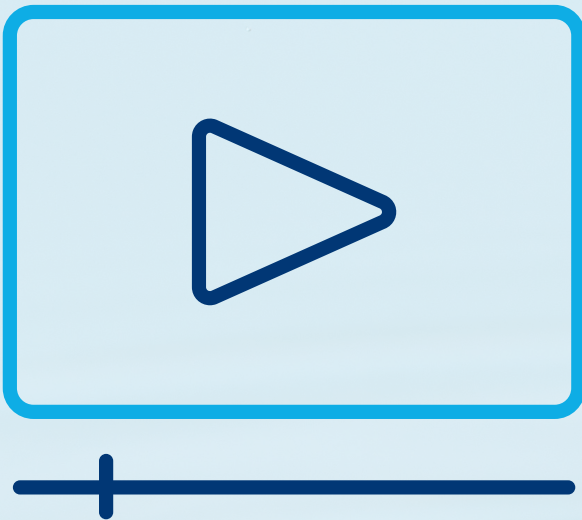
LeakyLoo Toilet Leak Detection Strips



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Your Week 2 Challenge – You must complete both parts

Part 1



Watch the short, informative video prepared for the Scout Foundation NI by Anna Gillen (NI Water Outreach and Learning Officer and WaterAid volunteer speaker).

Part 2

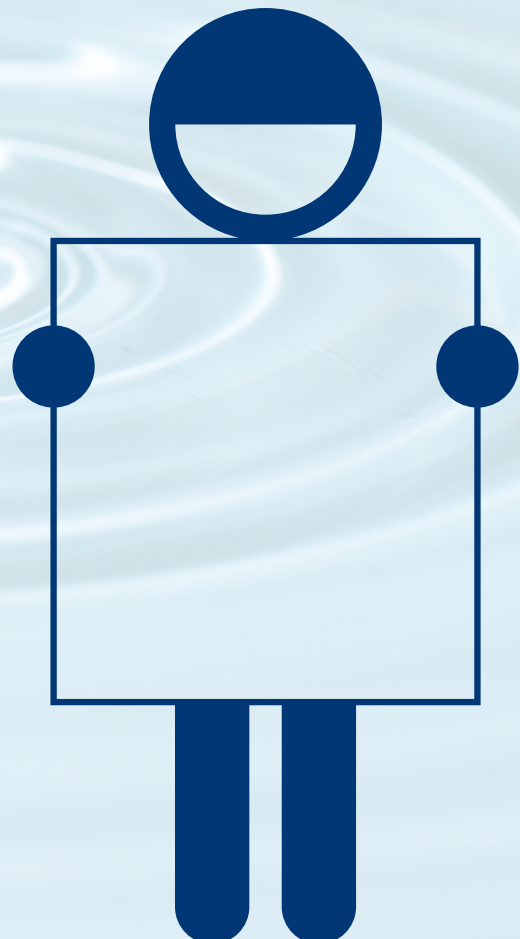
Become a Water Warrior and help save water!

Decide on one thing that you will do to reduce water usage in your house.

Make a pledge poster using the template provided to display in your home.

Send a photo of your pledge poster to safeguarding@scoutfoundationni.org.uk

NI Water will award a few goodie bags for the best pledge posters received (as decided by Anna Gillen, NI Water Outreach and Learning Officer).





I will
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Scan or send a photo of your pledge poster to safeguarding@scoutfoundationni.org.uk by 16th August 2020 to be in with a chance of winning a NI Water goodie bag