WATER EFFICIENCY



There are several water saving products available to make it easier for you to save water. They can help reduce your energy bill by cutting the gas used to heat your water and, if you have a meter, your water bill too.

>> Lower bills

Lower carbon footprint

>> Easy to install

Low cost

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In more detail:

East Anglia is the driest region in the UK. With increasingly unpredictable weather patterns it is even more important to save water where we can and if you have a meter, you'll also save money on your water bills. By cutting your use of hot water, you'll also save money on your energy bill.

Tap aerators - Aerators can help your tap become more efficient. The aerator fits onto your existing tap and reduces the amount of water coming out, without affecting the wash or rinse effect. They can also reduce splashing and could help you save up to 40 litres of water a day. Tap aerators should be cleaned and replaced regularly to prevent the build up of limescale.

Regulated shower head - Switching to a water efficient, regulated shower head reduces the amount of water you use without impacting the pressure so you won't feel any difference in your daily shower. They can reduce your water usage by around 40 litres a day, but aren't suitable for electric showers.

Cistern displacement device - The amount of water flushed down our toilets is considerable, it's the second biggest use of water in the home behind showering. Cistern displacement devices can be popped into your toilet cistern and when you flush, the device inflates, saving you up to two litres every time you flush.

Plant saving water gel - Water saving gels can reduce the need for frequent plant watering. The gel works by storing water that plants can then extract when they need it. It can help keep flowers and fruit on your plants during hot weather, reducing how often you need to use your hose in the summer.

What does it cost?

Water saving devices are cost effective and range from £0 to £30. You can order a free water saving kit from <u>Anglian Water</u> which contains some of the devices mentioned here.

How much can I save?

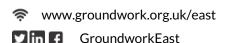
If a family of four replace their inefficient shower head with a water efficient one, they could save as much as £38 a year on gas for water heating, as well as a further £53 a year on water bills if they have a water meter. That's a total annual saving of around £91.

Can I install these myself?

Yes, all of these measures can be installed on a DIY basis by following the instructions.

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