

Australia's rainfall is the lowest of the continents (excluding Antarctica). This low rainfall combined with very high evaporation leads to low river flows. Despite this, Australia has one of the highest per capita water consumption rates in the world.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?????

Showering

Take short showers. Soap up, wash down, rinse off. A bath uses less water than a long shower and you save on hot water costs at the same time.

A shower = 20 litres per minute eg: 5 minutes = 100 litres. Use a shower timer.

Turn off taps tightly but gently so they do not drip

Catch the first 20 seconds or so of cold water in a bucket to water your pot plants.

Showerheads

Most older style shower heads use a lot of water. Consider installing a water saving shower rose which can make savings of up to 50%.

Old showerheads = 20 litres a minute.

AAA rated water saving shower heads = 9 litres a minute.

Brushing teeth

Don't leave the tap running while brushing your teeth. Use a glass of water to rinse.

Running the basin tap = 15 litres a minute.

Shaving

While having a shave don't leave the tap running instead use the plug and half fill the sink to rinse.

A running basin tap = 15 litres a minute.

Toileting

Install a dual flush system and always use the half flush. Alternatively purchase and install a flow restrictor from the hardware store so that your system only uses half the amount of water.

Full toilet flush = 9 litres of water for every full flush

Half flush toilet = 4.5 litres of water for every flush

Repair a continuously leaking or trickling toilet. (This hidden water uses up to 16,000 litres a year).

THE BOGONG WATER CHALLENGE



While you are living at Bogong, we challenge you to be a responsible water conserver. We challenge you to limit yourself to one shower per day. We also challenge you to limit that shower to less than 4 minutes.

Please use the shower timers provided. We have provided an extra timer for you to help monitor the shower length of the person before you, so you can challenge them as well.

The BIGGEST challenge for you is to continue this challenge when you get home.....and to challenge your family and friends to do the same.

Thank You and Good Luck