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Useful Tips to Conserve Water at Home:

- Turn off the taps when washing your teeth – you can save six litres of water
- Take a shower not a bath – don't use power showers as a 10 minute shower uses as much water as three baths!
- Fill the kettle for the right amount – you can save energy as well!
- Use water from a water butt to water your plants
- Never use a hose pipe in your garden
- Always fix leaking taps
- Use your dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full, thus saving energy as well!
- Visit Irish Water's website to learn more about being water smart in the home.

Facts and Figures

- 99% of the world's water cannot be used because it is either saline (i.e. salt water) or is locked up in glaciers and ice sheets.
- Most of the remaining water is present in rocks as groundwater (approx. 0.6%), while just over 0.3% is present in rivers and lakes
- Rapid expansion in urban populations has resulted in increased pressure on Local Authority wastewater treatment facilities and, in many instances, the inability to cope with the increasing volumes of waste generated.
- A tap dripping once a second wastes 45,000 litres of water a year

- A hosepipe or sprinkler can use 1,000 litres (or 1 tonne) of water per hour. This is as much as a family of four would normally use in two days!
- Our own bodies are two thirds water and our brains are at least 85% water!
- A person can survive a month without food, but can only survive five or six days without water
- A powershower uses almost 125 litres of water in five minutes. That's a massive 250 litres in 10 minutes!
- Shortage of water could lead to major political conflicts around the world. Over 20 countries depend on the flow of water from other countries for their water supply
- The World Bank estimates that by 2025 1.4 billion people in 48 countries may experience water stress or scarcity.