

# Byron Shire Water Saving Challenge

The average Byron resident uses around 200 litres of town water every day.

Your challenge is a target of... ***less than 150 litres per person, per day!***



**Step 1. Calculate your current daily water usage**

**Step 2. Take steps to reduce your water usage**

**Step 3. Calculate your new water usage**

## CALCULATE YOUR DAILY WATER USAGE

- It takes 2 minutes. You'll need a copy of a recent water bill on hand. Or visit [www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au)

## IN THE BATHROOM

- Shorten your shower time by just 1 minute. Save up to 3,000 litres of water a year.

- Invest in a good quality 3-star water efficient shower. Save up to 20,000 litres of water a year.

## IN THE TOILET

- Get in the habit of using the half-flush as much as possible.
- Encourage children to use the half flush all of the time. Save up to 3,000 litres of water a year.

- Convert your single flush to a dual flush for less than \$10. Ask for a flush converter at your local hardware store and save up to 15,000 litres of water every year.

## IN THE LAUNDRY

- Replace your old washing machine. A 4 ½ star washing machine use 40 litres of water per load instead of 130 litres of water per load for older top loading machines. At 5 loads per week, this will save you over 23,000 litres of water every year. You might even be eligible for a rebate from [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates)

- Delay your washing until you have a full load and save up to 20,000 litres of water a year.

## IN THE GARDEN

- If you can't resist the urge to water the lawn, only do so when it begins to show signs of stress, then give it a good long drink. This promotes deep root growth so the lawn stays green with less water.
- Plant local native species in the garden. They are adapted to our climate, meaning they require little to no watering once established. They also provide habitat to native fauna.
- Sweep outdoor areas instead of hosing. Investing in a decent broom saves water, is great for exercise and helps to reduce stormwater pollution.
- Wash cars, bikes, boats, surfboards etc on the lawn instead of the driveway. This way the lawn is watered and local waterways aren't polluted with detergents.

## LOOK FOR THE STARS

- Make water (and energy) efficiency a top priority when renovating, replacing or investing in the value of your home.
- You can search and compare the water efficiency of appliances and fixtures at [www.waterrating.gov.au](http://www.waterrating.gov.au). You can do the same for energy at [www.energyrating.gov.au](http://www.energyrating.gov.au)