



Did you know?

Whatever your business, you can both save money and improve your sustainability performance by using only the water you need.

Even making small reductions in the amount of water your business uses will make a big difference. In fact, you may be able to reduce your typical water bill by up to 50% by implementing a systematic approach to water efficiency.

Using less water will save you money, lower your carbon footprint, and if you use less water within a manufacturing process that heats water, also reduce your energy bills.



The average business in the UK uses 30% more water than necessary



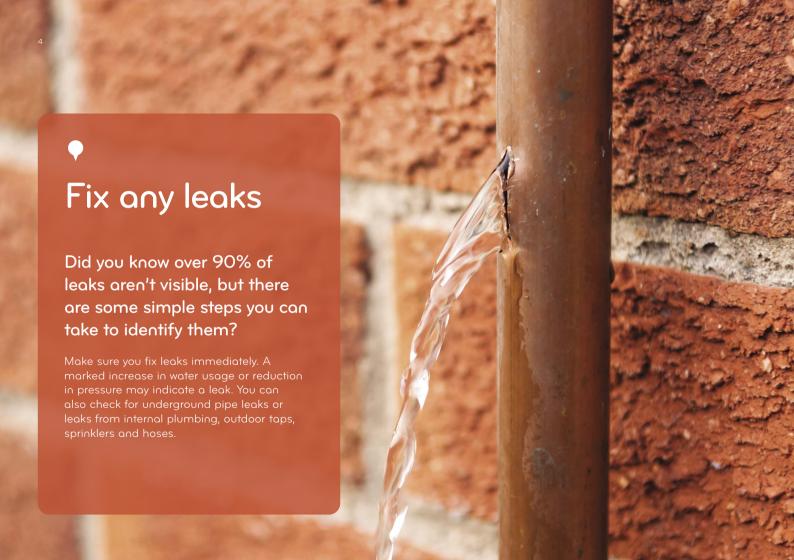
Here are some great water saving tips worth considering in your business...



Monitor your water usage

The first step on your journey to being water efficient is to understand your current consumption.

Find and regularly read your meters and sub meters where it is safe to do so. Make someone responsible for reading meters either weekly or monthly. This gives you a consumption baseline to measure your business against and may help you identify leaks.





In the toilet or washroom

Buy water efficient equipment where possible, by looking for low water consumption from your new appliances.

Taps

Dripping taps can waste a lot of water over time and result in higher bills.

Urinal flushing

Uncontrolled urinals can waste hundreds of litres per hour. If you're replacing outdated equipment, using a control device can reduce water consumption by 70% by ensuring that flushing stops when the premises are not in use.

Toilet flushing

Older toilets can use up to 13 litres per flush. If you have an older cistern, try a water saving device such as a 'Hippo' or a 'Save-a-Flush' bag. This will save between one litre and three litres per flush.

Leaking toilets

Modern dual flush (button operated) toilets can leak due to sticky buttons or passing valves. This can waste over 250 litres an hour so check all toilets for leaks (the most obvious sign is staining at the back of the pan where water runs down from the leak into the cistern).

Showers

Aerating showerheads can help reduce water use by up to 50% and improve the shower experience.





Hosepipes and sprinklers use more water in one hour than a family of four will use in a day.





Grounds

Thousands of litres of water can be wasted every day on grounds maintenance particularly during the summer months.

Spray jetters

High pressure spray jetters can use less water than conventional hoses as they use pressure instead of a large volume of water to clean.

Water butts

Consider collecting rainwater in a tank or butt and using it for watering plants and shrubs. When landscaping, try to select plants and shrubs that are tolerant of dry conditions.





Make it a part of your culture

While many employees will already use water saving tips at home, they may not know how to replicate this within the workplace.

Introduce water saving information, employee suggestions scheme or arrange a water efficiency session to increase awareness of the importance of using water wisely amongst your employees.

For example, letting your employees know that a tap which is either leaking or left open can waste 60 litres of water a week will help them to understand how their actions directly affect your bills and the environment.



Use water efficient equipment

A longer-term approach, in which you specifically look for low water consumption for any new appliances, fittings or processes, can really help to get water usage down.

Interested in purchasing water efficiency products? Many water efficiency products are available online.

