

**waterwise**



**Come  
Rain or  
Shine**

**A WATER-SMART SUMMER**

**ARE YOU WATER  
WISE: TRUE OR  
FALSE?**

**Test your water smarts and learn how your everyday choices help protect our planet!**

True

False

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2. Running the bath tap for 4 mins to fill a bath uses less water than taking a 4-min shower.

3. During hot summer days, it doesn't matter what time you water your plants - they'll soak it all up anyway.

4. Flushing the toilet is one of the biggest water users in the home.

5. Buying second-hand clothes can help save thousands of litres of water.

6. Drinking tap water instead of bottled water helps save water.

7. Washing up by hand with the tap running uses more water than a dishwasher.

8. Watering your garden with a watering can uses more water than using a hose.

# ANSWERS...

**1. Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth can save enough water to fill 50 bathtubs a year - True!** Leaving the tap running can waste up to 6 litres of water per minute. Brushing twice a day with the tap off can save thousands of litres annually - enough to fill around 50 bathtubs!

**2. Running the bath tap for 4 mins to fill a bath uses less water than taking a 4-min shower - False!** Even if it only takes 4 mins to fill, a full bath typically uses 80–100 litres of water. A 4-min shower with a standard showerhead usually uses around 36–60 litres, depending on the flow rate -so showers are usually more water-efficient if kept short.

**3. During hot summer days, it doesn't matter what time you water your plants, they'll soak it all up anyway- False!** False! Watering plants early in the morning or late in the evening helps reduce water loss due to evaporation, so your plants actually get more water where they need it most. Midday watering means a lot of precious water just disappears!

**4. Flushing the toilet is one of the biggest water users in the home - True!** Flushing can use nearly a third of all the water in your home. But don't worry, there are easy ways to save! Things like using a dual-flush button or adding a water-saving device to the toilet can help save water every time you flush.

**5. Buying second-hand clothes can help save thousands of litres of water - True!** Making just one new cotton t-shirt can use up to 2,700 litres of water. Choosing pre-loved clothes means less water wasted and less impact on the planet!

**6. Drinking tap water instead of bottled water helps save water - True!** It takes a lot of water to make plastic bottles, way more than what's inside them! Choosing tap water saves water, cuts down on plastic, and is better for the planet.

**7. Washing up by hand with the tap running uses more water than a dishwasher - True!** Leaving the tap running while washing dishes can use up to 9 litres of water per minute. A full dishwasher actually uses less water, especially if it's energy efficient!

**8. Watering your garden with a watering can uses more water than using a hose - False!** Using a watering can actually helps you save water because you can give plants exactly what they need. A hose can waste lots of water if left running too long or if it sprays too widely.