Turn off your taps on
22 October 5pm – 10pm
and join us in improving
water knowledge

TAP PAUSE LEVELUP

Saving Water in the Garden

Install a Water Butt

- Water butts save water and help to save the environment.
- Water butts provide flexibility for garden watering.
- Using rainwater instead of mains water will reduce your water bill.

Use Mulch

- Add mulch (like homemade compost or wood chip) to the soil at any time of year, especially when the soil is moist, as it will stop the surface from drying out.
- Mulch can reduce evaporation of water from soil by up to 70%.

Waterwise Watering

- Put your finger into the soil. If it is moist below the surface, you don't need to water.
- Check the weather forecast. If there's rain due, let the rain do your watering for you.
- The best time to water your garden is in the early morning or late evening.
- Only water the plant root zone to avoid wasting water where plants won't use it.
- Use drip irrigation under mulch if possible, as this is the most water-efficient method of garden watering.

WATER NIGHT

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Pick the Right Plants

- Select plants that have low watering needs where possible.
- Position plants with similar watering needs together, as this saves water and also helps to keep plants healthier by providing the right amount of water.
- Consider your soil type and amount of shade when selecting plants.

Check for Leaks

- Check your taps regularly for signs or sounds of leaks.
- A tap dripping at a rate of 1 drip per second loses over 12,000 litres a year. Garden taps are cheap and easy to replace.
- Wet patches on the ground could indicate a leaking underground pipe or watering system. Call a plumber to fix any leaking pipes.

Leave the Lawn

- There is no need to water your lawn – it will survive a drought.
- When re-laying a lawn, select a more resilient variety such as tall fescues rather than bent grass. Looking after the soil is the best way to prepare a lawn for drought.

See our factsheets on water butts, mulch and detecting leaks for more information.