

DIY Home Water Audit

Water use in your garden

HOW DO YOU USE WATER?	YOUR WATER USE IS CLOSEST TO:			BUCKETS USED
	HIGH WATER USE	MODERATE WATER USE	WATERWISE	
YOUR IRRIGATION				
How long are your sprinkler* runs?	Around 12 minutes 	Around 10 minutes 	Just enough to give 10mm (around 8 mins) 	
What irrigation type do you have?	Sprinklers* or misters 	Drippers to each plant 	Subsurface/mulch droppers/leaky hose 	
How much of your garden needs regular watering?	Most – lawn and tropical plants 	Half – planted in 1, 2 and 3 drop zones 	A little – mostly local and waterwise planting 	
Do you mulch and improve your soil?	No 	Once a year 	Always topping up 	
Do you hand water? 	Every day 	On very hot days 	Never 0 buckets	
OTHER OUTDOOR WATER				
Do you have a rainwater tank?	No 0 buckets	Yes, with a garden tap (- 1) bucket	Yes, plumbed into toilet/or laundry - 4 buckets 	
Do you bucket cold run water onto favourite plants? 	No 0 buckets	Yes, some days (- 0.5) bucket	Yes, most days - 1 bucket	
Do you have a pool or spa?	Yes, no cover 	Yes, with cover 	None 0 buckets	
Bucket Tally (Maximum – 22.5 Buckets)				= /22.5

*Based on fixed spray pop-up sprinkler.

How do you rate on the H₂ome Smart scale for water saving?

Add up your indoor score (previous page) /27.5
 And outdoor score (this page) /22.5
Total /50

How to complete the Home Water Audit

This booklet is your step-by-step, room-by-room guide to a more water efficient home and lifestyle. It also provides you with a selection of actions you can follow that will help you make more savings.

In addition to 10 minutes and a sense of eco-ambition, all you'll need is:

- this guide and a pen;
- a bucket for measuring tap and shower head water flow; and
- a timer to measure 30 seconds.

Then follow the steps below to complete your H₂ome Smart plan.

1. Work your way through each room in your house and ask yourself each of the "How Do You Use Water?" questions. Circle the response that best matches your current use (as an average of all people in the house).
2. Each response has a buckets used rating. Write your score in the "Water Use Tally" box for each room.
3. Where you score the minimum number of buckets used, tick the box in the "Continue Doing" column.
4. Where you scored a higher number of buckets used, refer to the "Actions" column on the right for helpful tips. Tick the corresponding box in the "New Action" column if you think you can fix that problem.

5. Add your scores together and check out the "H₂ome Smart Star Rating" section.
6. Fill in the "Action Plan" at the back of this guide. Place those actions you're most likely to achieve or find easiest at the top of the list, then add in any actions you can complete in the next few weeks/months.
7. Finally, hang this booklet somewhere you'll see it with the back page clearly visible. Then follow your Action Plan.

Measuring showerhead flow rates

To measure the flow rate of showerheads:

1. Place a 10 litre bucket under the showerhead and have the timer ready.
2. Start the timer as you turn the cold water tap on full for 30 seconds, directing the water into the bucket.
3. Stop the timer and turn off the tap.
4. If your bucket is around half full you have a water efficient showerhead. If it's much more than half full you may have an old high water using showerhead.
5. Empty the bucket onto your garden.