



Top 10 Tips that Make a Difference

- 1 Check for leaks, drips or trickling water and make sure repairs are made quickly.
- 2 Don't leave the tap running when you brush your teeth.
- 3 Take a 4 minute shower instead of a bath.
- 4 Run your washing machine and dishwasher with FULL loads. This will save you money on your electricity bill too.
- 5 Install the free water saving devices available from the Council.
- 6 Purchase water saving gadgets and devices that are available from various retailers.
- 7 Use a water butt to collect rainwater for your garden or allotment, or for washing your car.
- 8 Install 'grey water' collection and reuse systems.
- 9 Avoid watering your garden or lawn if it is not necessary.
- 10 When choosing plants or landscaping, try to choose plants that don't require a lot of watering.



Water is a precious resource on all the islands.

The community and visitors to the islands can help each other by being as careful with drinking water as possible.

Our drinking water comes from a mixture of inland boreholes and wells (on St Mary's, these are supported by a desalination plant), but we don't have an endless supply.

Demand for water is particularly high during big events and the summer holidays. This is even more of a problem when we do not receive regular and prolonged rainfall.

As a community we need to be sensible in the way that we use our limited water supply. This will reduce the likelihood of interruptions to supply and enable the reservoirs to recover after periods of heavy use.

If we reduce our demand on the water supply we can ensure that everybody has access to water when they require it and without the need for restrictions.