



WATER conservation

Keep an eye out for leaks

While we do leak checks, we can't be everywhere. If you spot a suspicious puddle, geyser, or patches of green grass amongst the dry grass, we'd appreciate it if you let us know.



P 0800 734 834 (within the district) or 07 862 8609

Did you know? Using the half-flush on the toilet when appropriate will save about 5,000 litres of water per person each year. To reduce water use in old, single-flush toilets, install a simple, inexpensive water-saving device.

In the garden:

- Check your garden hose regularly for leaks. Store it on a reel to prevent kinking and damage.
- If you water the garden, do it in the evening or in the early morning to reduce evaporation.
- Put a trigger nozzle on the garden hose to shut off the water when you don't need it - a hose left running can waste up to 15 litres a minute.

For more water saving tips go to www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/services/water/smartwateruse

Planning ahead for summer

Summer is just around the corner, and with summer comes dry spells. Although we have had a good amount of rain and our reservoirs are looking full, we still need to watch what we use.

The Hauraki District has two types of supply, 'on demand' and 'restricted flow'.

On demand water supply is turning on the tap and water comes out, with consistent flow and pressure.

Restricted flow supply is in areas where we cannot always guarantee level of flow and pressure. This supply may be restricted by the Council to be able to deliver the required volume of water at a steady flow rate.

Saving H2O is the way to go. We need everyone to save a little now so there will be enough for everyone over the summer.

Water Saving Tips

Here are a few water saving tips that can make a difference.

In the house:

- Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth or shaving. Leaving the tap trickling with water wastes about five litres a minute.
- Install an aerator or flow restrictor on sink or basin taps.
- Installing a low-flow showerhead can save the average household 1,000 litres of water per week – and save energy costs, too.
- Spend less time in the shower - it may be longer than you think. Twenty-five percent of water use at home is for showers and baths, so there can be big water savings here.
- When washing clothes, run full loads in the washing machine or be sure to set controls for a partial load if you are doing less.

Remember to Flush out your taps

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We recommend this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.



Safe Digging Month

November is safe digging month which is supported by **beforeUdig** and the utilities that use the service to provide maps and safety information on the location of their underground services.

Each year around 15 people suffer life changing injuries or worse, after coming into contact with electricity or gas. On top of that is the major inconvenience to homes and businesses with the loss of key services following a strike to underground cables or pipes when digging.

Whenever you are digging, no matter if your job is big or small you must follow the five key rules of safe digging in order to avoid striking and damaging an underground cable or pipe.

You can download a simple guide to safety and lodge your enquiry online for free at www.beforeudig.co.nz

