

# Water Savings

TIP SHEET

There are several things you can do to save money on water bills.

## BATHROOM

- Don't leave the tap running when brushing your teeth, washing your face or shaving – this could save you one bucket of water per day.
- Reduce your shower time - you could save up to 9 litres of water per minute.
- Check your toilet bowl for running water.
- Check your plumbing for any drips or leaks.

## LAUNDRY

- Wash clothes only when you have a full load.
- If you want a washing machine, select a machine that has a water efficient rating of 5 stars.
- Check for any leaks.

## KITCHEN

- Put a plug in the sink when peeling vegetables, rinsing dishes or washing your hands.

## CHECK FOR LEAKS

- Make sure all taps are turned off, including the washing machine.
- Check the hot water service isn't leaking onto the ground.
- Check that the taps outside your home are not leaking.

## REPORT LEAKS

- Leaking taps can waste up to 2,000 litres of water a month and cost you money.
- Report dripping taps, running toilet cisterns, leaking hot water services and any leaking or faulty pipes and water connections to Foundation Housing's Property Services Team on 1300 895 205.

## OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- Wash your car on the lawn using a bucket and sponge instead of a hose – this will save you about 20 litres of water per minute.
- Don't cut the lawn too short – this will reduce the amount of water your lawn needs to stay green and healthy.
- Select native and other water wise plants and group plants so that they have similar watering needs.
- Use mulch and add organic material such as compost to the soil, which helps retain moisture and reduce evaporation.
- Water your garden early in the morning or during the evening.
- Water the base of the plants, not the leaves.
- Use a rake or broom to clean paths and driveways instead of using a hose.

