

Water saving tips

The more we're able to save now, the less likely we will have further restrictions.

Here's some things you can do:



Have a household emergency water supply



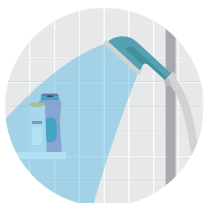
If it's yellow, let it mellow



Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth



Skip the pre-rinse, scrape food into the compost or bin



Take a shorter shower



Aim for full loads of laundry

What do the restriction levels mean?

To find out what water restriction level we're in, visit upperhuttcity.com/water



Only use sprinklers every second day.



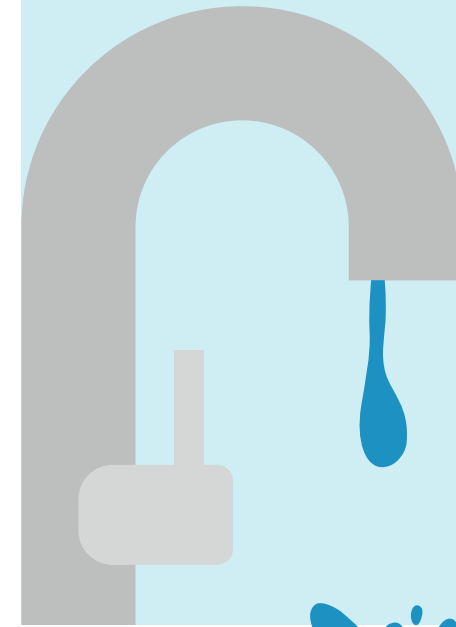
No sprinklers or irrigation. Only water your garden by hand.



Stop residential outdoor water use.



Stop all outdoor water use, reduce indoor water use.



We need your help to save water

Our city is currently facing water restrictions. This means that we need to manage water usage.

Find out more

Scan the QR code or visit upperhuttcity.com/water

Alternatively, you can go to wellingtonwater.co.nz



How to store emergency water

- Clean your containers with hot water (not boiling, this will destroy the bottle).
- Add a small amount of bleach to help stop bacteria. Add half a teaspoon (2.5ml) of plain, unscented household bleach to 10 litres of water (a household bucket), or five drops to 1 litre of water.

**Do not use Janola as it contains detergents which makes it unsuitable for treating drinking water.*

Ways to store water



Juice/soft drink bottles

Clean and re-use juice or soft drink bottles.

Store in a cool, dark place.

Avoid direct sunlight.

Do not use milk bottles - any milk residue will contaminate the water.



10 - 20-litre containers

These containers are available from hardware or homeware stores.

Store in a cool, dark place.

Avoid direct sunlight.

Tank installation

- These tanks are designed to sit on a flat, smooth, and level concrete surface. Please make sure that where you place your tank is free from rocks, stones or any other objects that might damage the base of the tank.
- It's key that your downpipes are well supported and don't depend on the tank for stability. Make sure the outlet of the diverter is level to the tank inlet to make sure there is an adequate inflow and overflow of water back to the downpipe.
- Make sure to position the strap around the tank and below the lid,

For more information about how to install the tank, make sure to watch the video below.

Please contact Council on **(04) 527-2169** or email us if you are unsure of whether building or resource consent may be required.

Scan the QR code for our easy-to-follow tank install video.



Cleaning and changing water

1. Write the date that you filled your containers.
2. Place the lid on tightly and store in a cool, dark place. Avoid direct sunlight.
3. Clean and refill the bottles every 12 months.

**Before you can use your stored water, you should treat it by boiling for 1 minute (or until an electric kettle switches off) or adding the same amount of bleach again. Stir and leave for 30 minutes before use.*

Use of greywater



Reusing greywater can be used as an alternative water source, but please note that water can still be contaminated. Check out these guidelines below to minimise any risk.

- Only vegetables that are cooked should be irrigated with greywater.
- For vegetables eaten raw (e.g. lettuce, tomatoes) only use clean water collected while running the tap to get warm water.
- Store unattended buckets of recycled greywater safely away from tamariki.
- Take care that the bucket isn't too heavy and that there are no spills.

For more information please visit:
tewhatauora.govt.nz/our-health-system/environmental-health/sewage/