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Advice

SAVING WATER AT WORK

There are many opportunities to reduce the water used in businesses across Australia. It may be on the production line, in the office or perhaps the kitchen and bathrooms of your workplace.

Water is worth conserving, not only because it is essential for our health and wellbeing and that of our environment, but also because as individuals and businesses, we must pay for the water we use.

TAPS

💧 A running tap uses about 16 litres of water per minute. A dripping tap can waste up to 12,000 litres a year! That's a lot of water, so if your tap is dripping in your kitchen or bathroom at work report it to the person responsible.

TOILETS

💧 A continuously running toilet can waste up to 96,000 litres of water per year, yet toilet leaks often go unnoticed as the water trickles down the back of the bowl.

💧 If you want to check your toilets for leaks, follow these simple steps:

1. Remove the lid of your toilet cistern.

2. Place a few drops of food dye into the cistern.

3. Do not flush your toilet for 10-15 minutes.

4. If the dye has seeped down into the bowl when you return, then you know you have a leak.

BATHROOM WASTE

💧 Encourage your colleagues and clients not to use your toilet as a bin.

💧 Feminine hygiene products, food waste, baby wipes and goldfish should go in the bin. Flushing these down the toilet wastes water and places additional strain on the sewerage system.

DRINKING WATER

💧 Choose tap water over bottled water.

💧 Use a bottle or jug and store tap water in the fridge until it is cool enough to drink.

💧 Although one exact quantity of water doesn't fit everyone, as a general guide aim to drink 2lts a day especially if you work in a hot or air conditioned office.

FEELING GOOD

💧 Adopting water efficient practices in your business can save water and money but it can also make employees and clients proud to be affiliated with your organisation.

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