

Water Usage

Some facts and solutions



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Did you know...

That each person in the UK on average use 150 litres of water a day! A figure that has been growing every year by 1% since 1930.

Most people in the UK consume a lot more than 150 litres, as water is in most of the foods that we eat.

Why do you think that we use so much water?



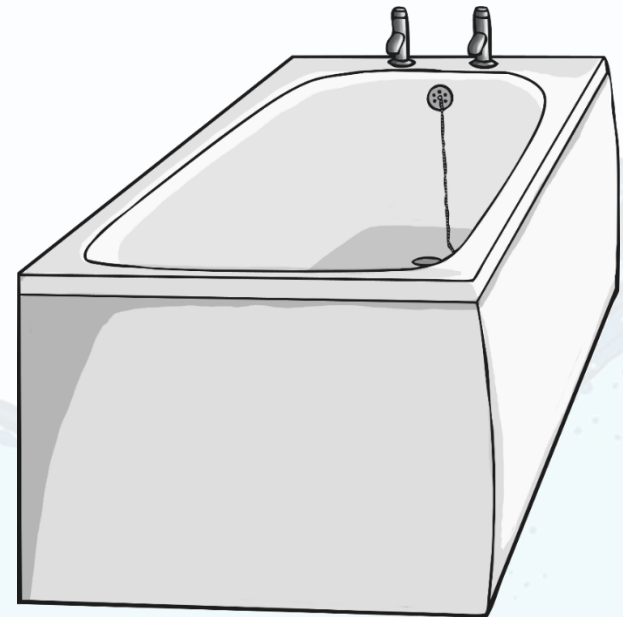
Filling a Bath

Did you know that just having one bath uses 80 litres of water! While a short shower can use as little as a third of that amount.

Solution

So try and take showers more often than a bath.

But when you do have a bath, you can minimise your water use by reusing your bathwater to water your houseplants or garden.



Washing Machines

Did you know that a full load in a washing machine uses 65 litres of water.



However, a half-load is not very economical as it uses more than half the water of a full load.



Solution

Try and wait until you have a full load before you wash your clothes.

Flushing the Toilet

Did you know that every time you flush the toilet 2.5 litres of water is used?

According to the World Toilet Organization (WTO), the average person uses a toilet 2,500 times year, or six to eight times a day.

Solution

Some water-saving bag devices can be used in the cistern to save water.



A Dripping/Running Tap

Did you know that a dripping tap can waste up to 4 litres of water a day?

If you leave the tap running it wastes 6 litres per minute, so turning the tap off when brushing can save around 12-18 litres every time you brush your teeth.

If every adult in England and Wales remembered to do this, we could save 180 mega litres a day - enough to supply nearly 500,000 homes.

Solution

When you are brushing your teeth try and turn off the tap.



Using Hosepipes

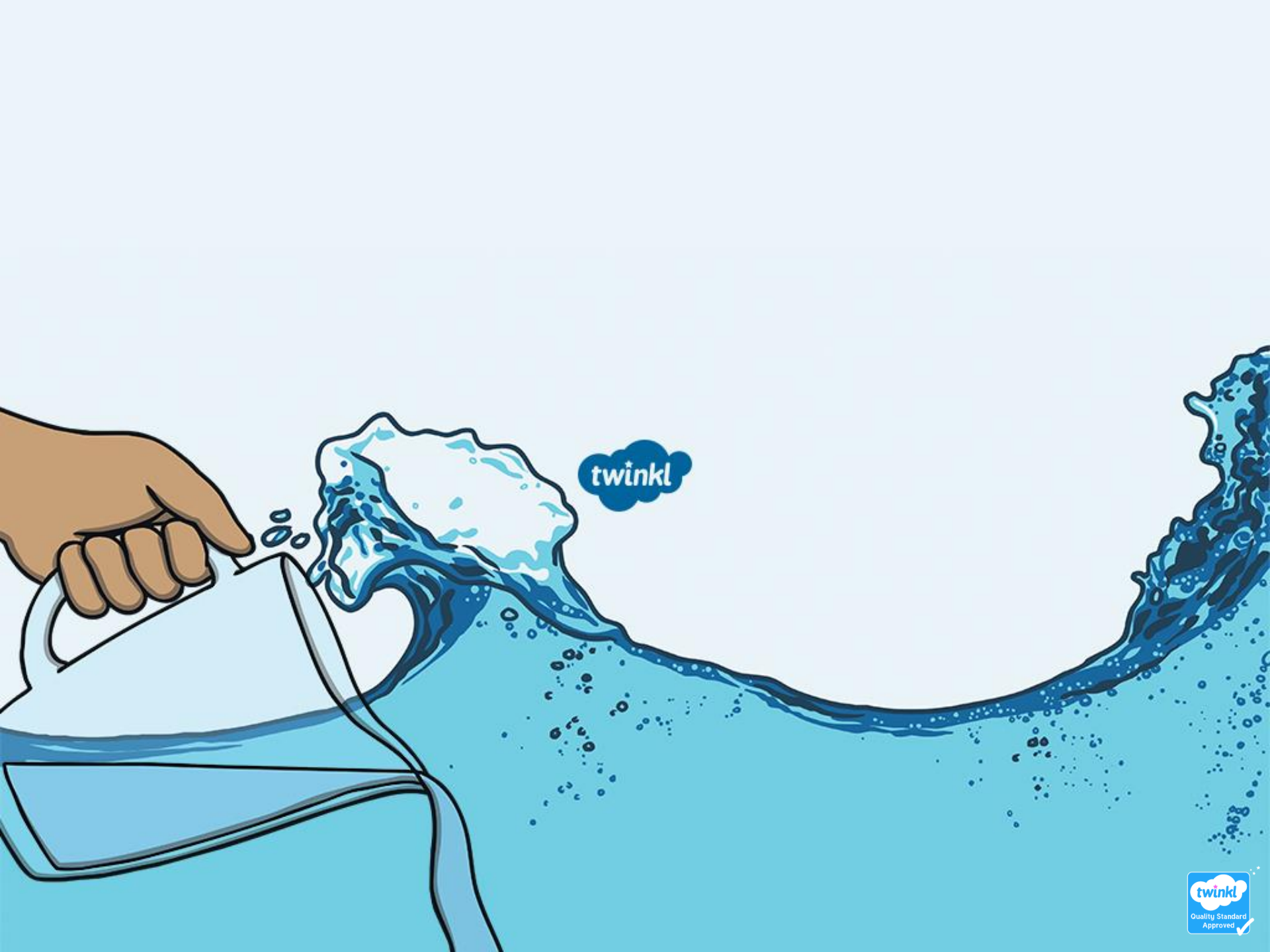
Did you know that the average hosepipe uses 170 litres of water for every 10 minutes that it is turned on, and in one hour a hosepipe will use the same amount of water as a whole family would typically use in 2 days.

Solutions



So when watering your garden remember to use a watering can and not a hosepipe.

Also having a water butt to collect rain water reduces the amount of water wasted.



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