

WATER SAVING AROUND THE HOME

Sustainability is not confined to home owners who are building their homes from scratch. If you are looking to renovate there a number of things you can do which will help the environment and the sustainability of your home.

Regardless of your approach renovating is a chance to save water.

- Replace washers in leaking taps;
- Have a licensed plumber check that you have not cracked or leaking pipes;
- Install water saving shower heads; there are new and more attractive models coming onto the market
- Put aerators on all of your taps, including the kitchen
- Install water saving dual flush toilets;
- Alternatively look in to a rain water flush system;
- Install a redirecting thermostat system which keeps the same water circulating in the pipes until it is hot enough to use;
- Buy a high star rated dishwasher and washing machine;
- Only use the dishwasher or washing machine when you have a full load;
- Move your hot water system over to a Solar system or Heat pump;
- Install a rain water tank. There are many different shapes and sizes now available;
- Consider grey water reuse / recycling. This could include using your bath water to flush the toilet.

There are also many ways to save water in your garden.

- Add mulch to the base of trees and garden beds
- Keep your lawn short or look to replace all of your lawn with a ground cover
- Alternatively if you want a lush green lawn, use a drought resistant grass species

All of these measures will save water, money and the environment at very little cost to you! Call now to find out how you can benefit from technology advances and local government incentives.

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