



How Can Water be Saved at School?

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There are always opportunities for saving water ranging from very simple things that cost no money to fitting sophisticated devices.

Here is a list of ideas that you may consider (if you have any ideas of your own be sure to write them down too!)

For each one decide whether it would be possible at your school. The cost of making the changes will have to be considered as well as the volume of water that will be saved. You may need an adults help to decide.

No-Cost

- Run a Water Conservation Awareness Campaign.
- Report any leaks or drips.
- Don't leave the tap running.
- Have a quick shower.
- Monitor and record water usage regularly. Investigate any unexplained increase in usage – it could be a leak.
- Review activities where water is used to identify water saving opportunities, *e.g. cleaning, watering indoor and outdoor plants, in the kitchen.*

Low Cost

- Repair leaking taps.
- Insert a Hippo Bag into your toilet cistern (if 9 litre capacity).
- Install a water butt for watering your plants.



High Cost

- Fit flushing control devices on urinals e.g. motion sensors or time controls.
- Fit push taps.
- Fit spray taps.
- Replace inefficient fittings with modern water efficient ones.
- Install push operated fittings/timers on showers.

Note: Dublin City Council are providing a complimentary water butt and Hippo Bags to schools within the City. Contact the Water Conservation Officer on 01 222 4309 for further information.