

Eco-Home WATER Action Plan



GOOD FOR YOUR POCKET - GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT! SELECT ACTIONS FROM BELOW AND TICK OFF WHEN COMPLETED.

KITCHEN	We will take this action!	Time Frame	Action taken
Use a basin to rinse/clean your fruit and vegetables			
Avoid pouring grease, fat or cooking oil down the drains.			
Use sink to wash smaller amounts of dishes			
Purchase Water-Saving A-rated appliances			
Only use washing machine or dishwasher when full			
Fill the kettle with amount of water you actually need			
Purchase a 'Green Cleaning kit' (baking soda, vinegar and a lemon!)			
Know how to turn off your water supply. (This could save thousands of litres of water and damage to your home in the event of a burst pipe)			

BATHROOM	We will take this action!	Time Frame	Action taken
Use a water-saving shower head (Can save 70,000l over its lifetime)			
Only flush where necessary. (The average toilet uses 9–14 litres of water per flush). Northern Ireland Water's 'Bag It and Bin It' is a campaign that aims to reduce the amount of inappropriate material flushed down the toilet: www.niwater.com/bagandbin.asp			
Insert a brick/plastic water bottle in cistern to save water on every flush			
If you have a septic tank avoid using bleach and other cleaning products			
Fix leaking taps. (A leak of just one drop per second can waste 10,000 litres of water a year!)			
Don't leave the tap running while brushing your teeth			
Take a shower instead of a bath (A bath uses as much as 80 litres whereas a shower can use as little as 30 litres.)			
Avoid power-showers (These use about 125 litres in 5 mins!)			

OUTSIDE	We will take this action!	Time Frame	Action taken
Use a bucket of water not a hose (Washing your car with a hose typically uses 300 litres which is equivalent to 33 buckets)			
Avoid pouring oil or paints down the drains			
Use good mulch on your flowerbeds to reduce watering			
Collect rainwater from the roof and down pipes of your house into a water butt. NI Water state that your roof collects enough rain to fill 450 waterbutts every year. See: www.niwater.com for more tips and advice			
Purchase A-rated appliances			