

HOW TO CHECK THE FLOW RATE OF YOUR TAPS



Make sure that you're saving water right from the moment you turn on your tap, by following these simple steps.

Things you'll need



Measuring Jug



Water Tap



Timer

It's important and easy to check the flow rate of your taps and shower.

What to do

- 1 Put your measuring jug under the tap.
- 2 Turn the tap on completely and time how long it takes to fill your measuring jug to 1 litre.
- 3 Calculate the flow rate by dividing 60 by the time it took to fill your measuring jug.
 $60/\text{time to fill 1 litre} = \text{flow rate (litres/minute)}$
- 4 Use the table below to gauge how the rate compares, and put the water to good use on plants or for washing up.

Amenity	Flow rate	Time to fill a litre
Bathroom tap	2 to 5 litres/minute	30 to 12 seconds
Kitchen and laundry tap	6 to 9 litres/minute	10 To 7 seconds
Shower	5 to 9 litres/minute	12 to 7 seconds

Did you know?

Water saving shower heads, tap aerator and pressure regulators have all come a long way and no longer sacrifice user (that's you) experience over water savings. Bathroom taps are a great place to start, and they'll save you the cost of one in just a day of use.