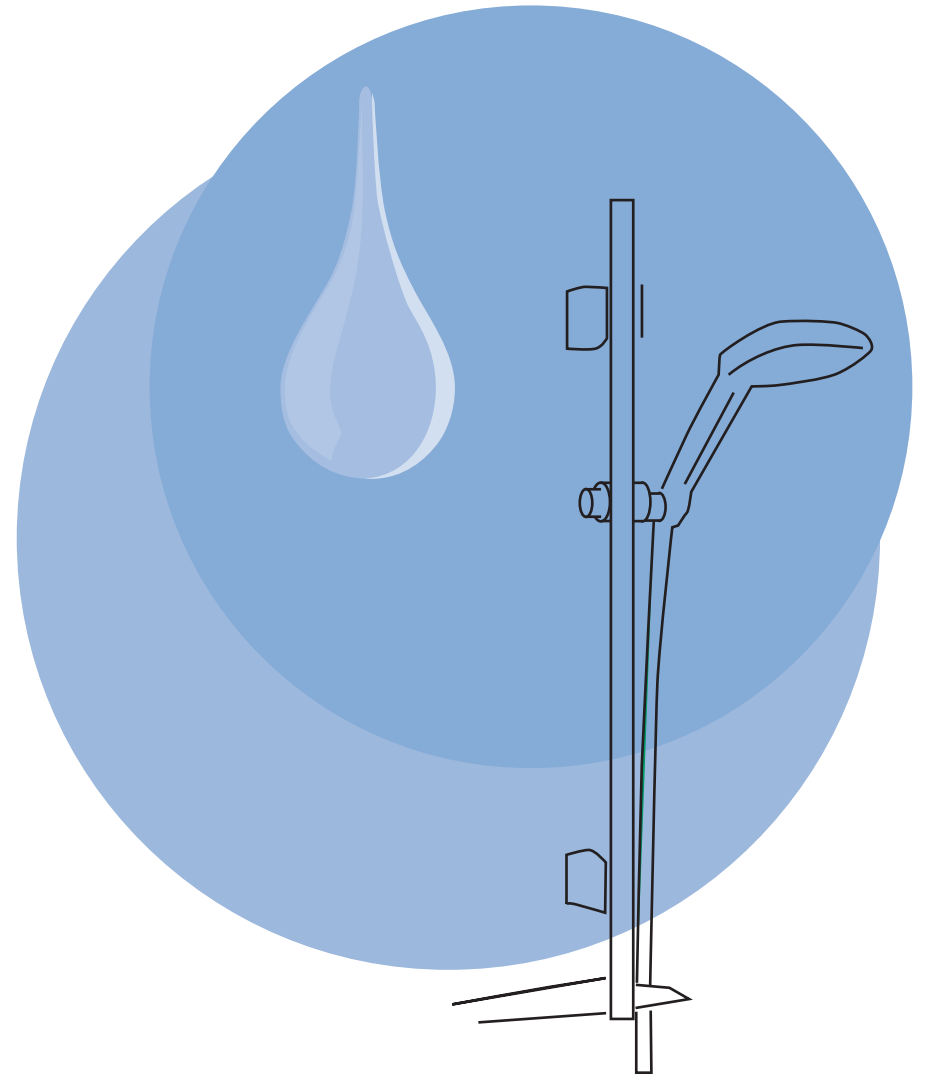




Save water – save money



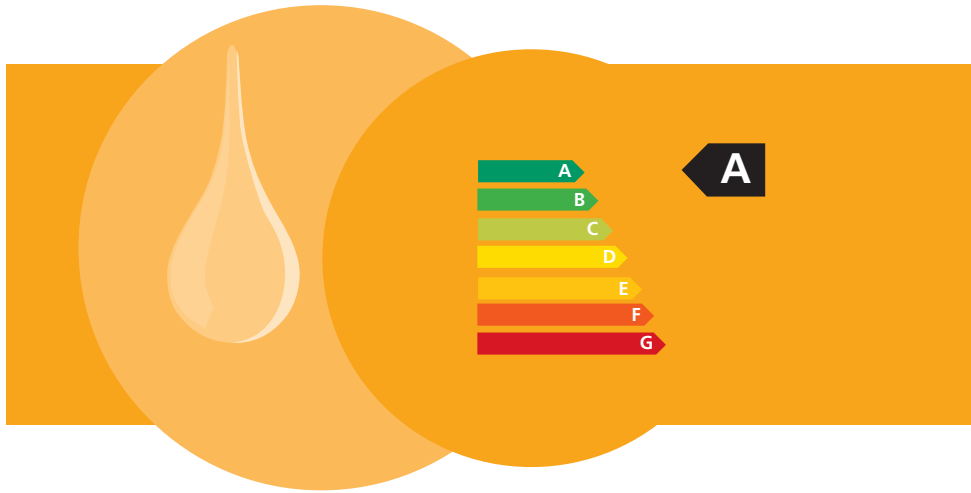
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There are two important reasons for saving water: the **environment** and your **purse**!

When you turn on the tap, wash clothes or have bath, you rarely stop to think how much water you use – or how much it costs. It amounts to a great deal of water during the course of a week, a month or a year, and your water bill mounts up quickly. If you save water, you also save money, and it is of course better to keep hold of the money than to throw it down the drain!

Groundwater is threatened by contamination in many places. Contaminants from industry and agriculture penetrate the soil and down into our drinking water so that we can no longer use it. It is therefore important for us to watch the amount of water we have. If we do not save water, we run the risk of having even less clean water available in the future. Ultimately, it may affect the drinking water of our children and grandchildren.

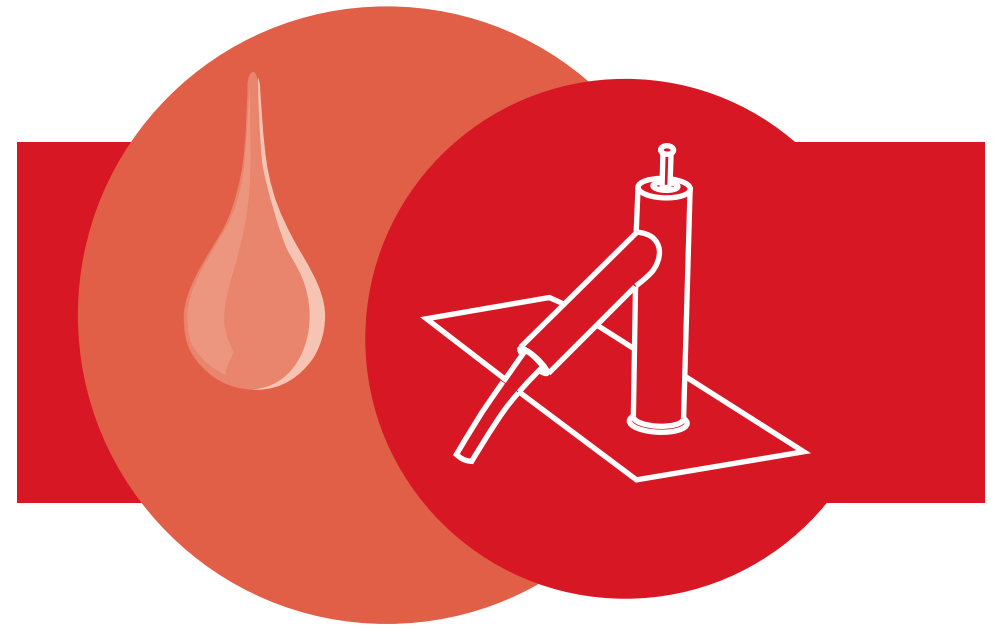




Replace toilets, machines, taps, etc.

If you live in a property where you are allowed to replace machines or installations yourself, you can save a great deal of water – and a great deal of money – by:

- Replacing your toilet with a water-efficient toilet. Old-fashioned single-flush toilets use up to 15 litres of water each time you flush, whereas with a water-efficient toilet, you can choose between a large and small flush of only 6 or 3 litres
- Get a water-efficient shower head. This will mean that you use around half as much water as with an ordinary shower head, i.e. between 6 and 12 litres a minute
- Replace washing machines and dishwashers with new, energy and water-saving models (A-labelled)
- Fit perlators – air-mixers – to the taps or change over to ‘two-stage’ taps where you need to lift up the tap really high in order to get a great deal of water out.



How can you save water ... and therefore money?

In the bathroom

- Keep an eye on whether the toilet drips: a toilet that drips, even if it is so little that it is almost impossible to see, can use almost 300 litres of water a day. That adds up to around 110 m³ a year, and costs more than DKR 4500!
- Make sure that the tap does not drip. A dripping tap can use 20 litres of water a day. This costs DKR 300 a year
- Turn off the tap while you brush your teeth
- Take short showers and turn off the water while you soap yourself down
- Take showers instead of taking baths.



In the kitchen

- Use a bowl when you wash vegetables
- Use a bowl if you wash up by hand
- If you have a dishwasher, fill it up completely before you start it. You do not need to swill the plates. It is enough to scrape off the scraps of food. Use a short programme at the lowest possible temperature
- Simmer vegetables in the least amount of water possible – you will save both water and electricity, and it is actually healthier!



When you wash clothes

- Fill up the washing machine completely
- Leave out the pre-wash – this is seldom necessary
- Don't wash your clothes until they really are dirty
- Wash at the lowest possible temperature – it is not necessary to boil wash clothes. Most of them will be properly cleaned at 30-40 degrees.