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- Do you have access to clean water? Do you have a toilet? A bath/shower? **What a privilege!** On average we use **138 litres per person per day in the UK.**
- Our water resources are being stretched, and we must find ways to use water more responsibly.

Tips:

- Swap a bath for a shower
- How long do you spend in the shower? By keeping showers to 4 minutes, we use less water and save on our heating bills.
- Only run a dishwasher when it is full or run your washing machine on a full load.
- Got a water leak or dripping tap? Get it fixed as soon as possible.
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth
- Like a cold glass of water? Keep a jug of water in the fridge rather than running the tap until the water is cold enough
- Use water twice in the kitchen e.g. if you have boiled pasta, potatoes or veggies, let the water cool and then use it for plants
- We've had rain! Are you catching any of it for your garden? It doesn't have to be a water butt, it could be a bucket or plant pot.

For further information

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