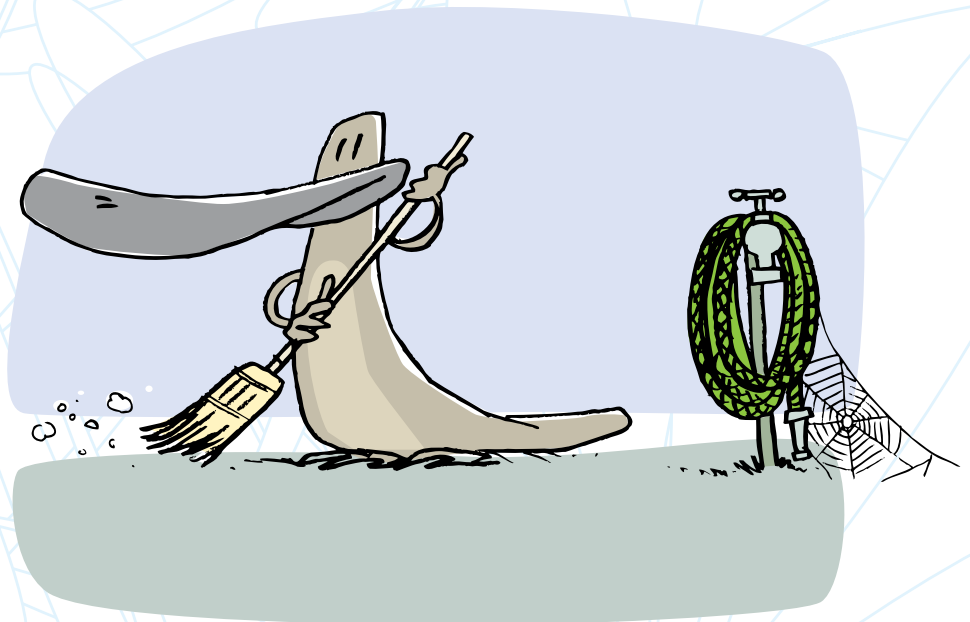


WaterWise in the Yard

It is easy to save water by limiting the amount you use for cleaning and recreation outdoors. Treat water as a precious and limited resource by adopting good habits and be WaterWise.

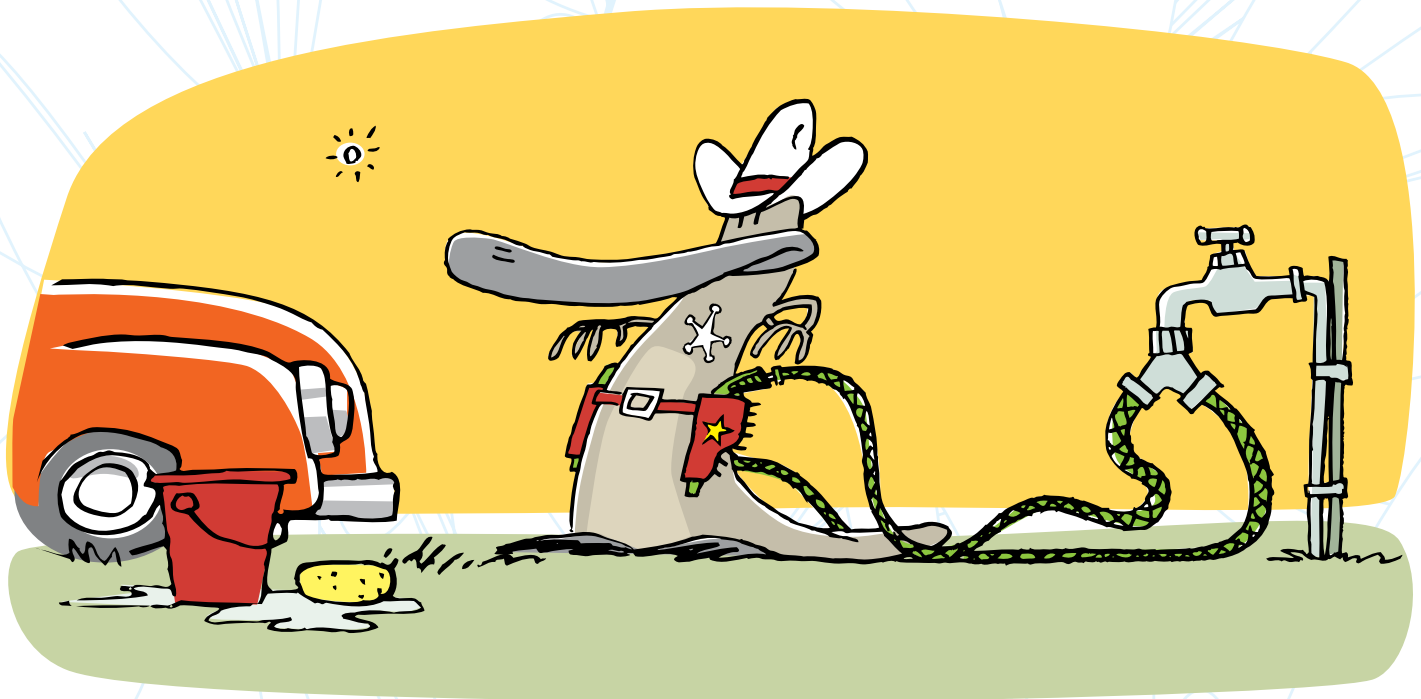
Change your habits

- Discourage the use of hoses as toys and curb use of water-slides.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and footpaths. Cleaning a path with a broom is more efficient than using a hose, which wastes 25 litres of water a minute.
- Use a compost bin. Compost improves the structure of your soil. It increases the moisture-holding capacity of sandy soils and allows better penetration of water into heavy clay soils.
- Bore water is a limited resource – take the same steps to conserve it as you would with town water.
- Encourage water conservation, both inside and outside the home, as a family project.



Tip for pool owners: Cover your pool to reduce evaporation. It also helps keep out leaves and dirt, reduces time spent cleaning the pool and saves money on pool chemicals.

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What you can do

Swimming Pool

- ▶ Cover your pool to reduce evaporation, retain warmth, keep out leaves and dirt, and reduce pool chemical costs. Up to 200 litres of water per day can be lost because of evaporation from a typical in-ground pool
- ▶ Accept some fluctuation in pool levels due to evaporation and rainfall. They will often compensate for each other, meaning topping up with the hose can be avoided
- ▶ Check the pool for leaks

Washing the Car, Boat or Caravan

- ▶ Use a bucket and sponge to wash the car, boat or caravan
- ▶ Using a trigger style nozzle makes it easy to avoid leaving the hose running
- ▶ Wash the car, boat or caravan on the lawn instead of the driveway