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# GREENING AND BEAUTIFYING YOUR HOME



## Household Water Saving Tips

- Check and fix all leaks to ensure that there is no water leakage
- Use shower instead of bath
- Do not water your garden between 10am and 3pm, or when it is hot and windy
- Fill up the kettle to the level you actually need when boiling water and similarly when using water in cooking
- Use a bucket rather than a hosepipe if you wash your car
- Do not wash dishes, or brush your teeth or shave with the tap running
- Read your meter to measure your water use on a regular basis



## Greening and maintaining your garden

- Green your home and maintain it
- Plant indigenous trees and plants in your garden
- Have a compost heap in your yard
- Use a watering can instead of a hosepipe to water your plants
- Plant indigenous and non-water-consumptive alien plants
- Clean and eradicate weeds in your garden to keep it clean

## Improve your home

- Have a security fence or wall erected around your house
- Paint your house (inside-outside) every 5 – 10 years or wash it regularly
- Clean your house every day
- Pay for utilities (water, electricity and rates) every month
- Fix water leaks and cracks on the walls
- Add tiles, carpets and ceiling to your house
- Replace broken windows, doors and other fixtures
- Repair plumbing leaks and blockages
- Waste should be disposed regularly and not left to build up or lie around

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