



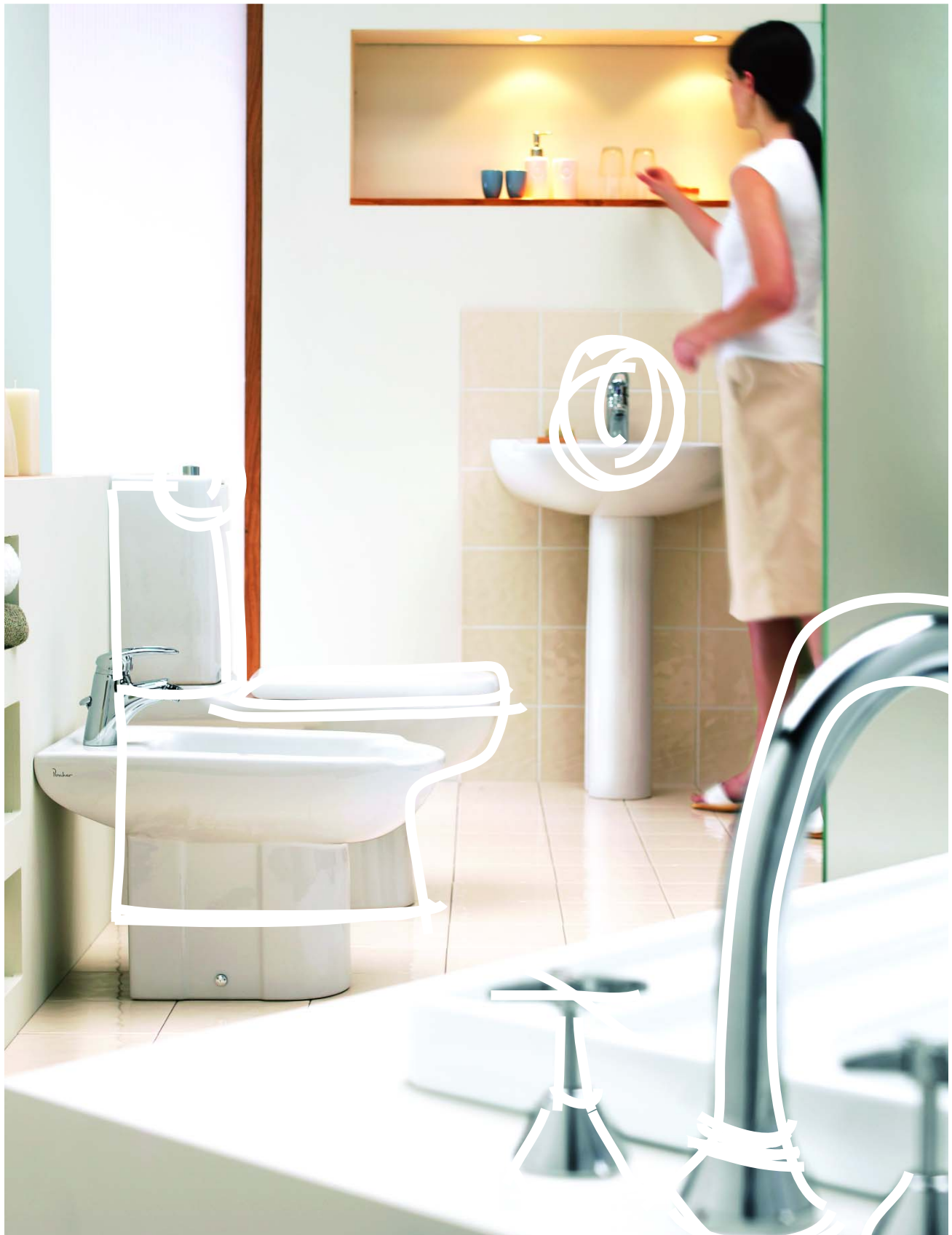
The Reece Water Saver Series
saving water **inside** the house



Australia is the world's second driest continent, yet remains one of the world's biggest domestic water consumers. With the widespread introduction of water restrictions across the country, we all have to think about ways we can use water more wisely.

The good news is that we can all save water through simple steps and informed choices that won't affect our lifestyle. This brochure offers practical ideas and helpful hints to help you save water and reduce costs. It's part of Reece's water saving series, which shows how you can make a difference inside and outside your home.

With 80 years as Australia's leading supplier of bathroom and plumbing products, Reece understands the importance of sustainable water use, good design and positive practices. We have the expertise and products that can help Australians save water.



Simple ways to save water throughout your home.

You can save water in your home without compromising appearance or function. In this brochure, we focus on ways you can save water in the bathroom, kitchen and laundry through the proper selection and use of products as well as some simple daily practices.

taps

When it comes to saving water in the house, taps are a good place to start.

If you're selecting new taps, take a look at our many water efficient models for kitchens, bathrooms and laundries, which come in a range of stylish designs to suit all budgets. Our in-store experts can help you select the best model for your needs. But you don't have to buy new taps to save water.

By installing a Neoperl PCA aerator you can reduce the amount of water you use by more than 50%.

Pressure reducing valves can also be attached to single lever mixers allowing easy adjustment of maximum water flow through the mixer providing greater control of water usage.

Drop into your local Reece Plumbing Centre, or ask your licensed plumber for advice on what solution would best suit your household.

shower outlets

You can reduce your indoor household water consumption by up to 50% simply by installing a 3 Star rated shower head. They use only 9 litres of water per minute (compared with the 15 to 20 litres per minute used by older style showerheads). You can save up to 20,000 litres of water per person per year, without affecting the performance of your shower.

Or why not consider installing economical and super effective water saving fittings like the Neoperl Shower Flow Regulator. These easy to install discs are placed in the showerhead connection, and restrict the water flow to 9 or 12 litres depending on the model you choose. These easy to install discs are placed in the showerhead connection, and restrict the water flow to 9 litres per minute.

How water efficient is your home?

Ask your plumber to provide you with a Smart Water Audit available from all Reece stores. This audit will identify areas where you can save water and money.

toilets

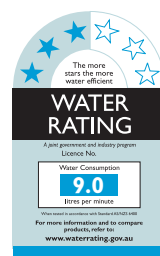
Toilets use more water than any other bathroom fixture. 6/3 litre dual flush cisterns are designed to save water, and use around 60 per cent less water than a standard single flush toilet. For example, a family of four would save around 35,000 litres of water a year by installing a modern dual-flush toilet. Recently 4.5/3 litre suites such as the Ideal Standard Tonic 4* have been released and use even less water than a 6/3 toilet.

look for the six star standard

The WELS Scheme (Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards) is a new mandatory Australian labelling standard designed to encourage Australians to choose water efficient products and appliances thereby conserving this precious resource.

The WELS Scheme has two main features - a star-rating standard that gives people a quick comparative assessment of a products' water efficiency and a consumption figure that provides an estimate of likely water usage.

Replacing the old AAAAA standard, the WELS Scheme applies to all toilets, showers, taps (excluding those for a bath), urinals, washing machines and dishwashers. Where possible, Reece customers should be encouraged to choose products with a high star rating and low water consumption rate.



top ten tips for saving water **inside** the house

- ### tip-top taps

1 A dripping tap wastes around 2,000 litres of water a month. Update your taps or have the washers replaced by a licensed plumber. You'll reduce your water bill and save up to 1,333 glasses of water a week.
- ### power showers

2 Gain extra minutes to enjoy breakfast by taking shorter showers. Each minute you cut saves up to 9 litres of water a minute from a 3 Star rated showerhead, or up to 20 litres a minute from a conventional showerhead.
- ### bathroom basics

3 Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth and save around 583 glasses of water a week, or 4,000 litres a year. Fill the basin with warm water instead of leaving the tap running while you shave, and save another 3,500 litres a year.
- ### limit leaks

4 A leaking toilet wastes up to 16,000 litres of water a year. Check your toilet by putting some food colouring in the cistern and wait for 15 minutes. If colouring appears in the bowl without flushing, the cistern is leaking and needs attention from your licensed plumber.
- ### load up in the laundry

5 Spend less time in the laundry by washing only when you have a full load, rather than washing several small loads. You can also save water by waiting until you have a few clothes that need hand washing, rather than hand washing clothes individually.
- ### water efficient tapware

6 Replace older taps, showers and toilets with new water efficient models or install Neoperl PCA water saving aerators and shower regulators.
- ### turn off the tap

7 A continuously running kitchen tap uses around 9 litres of water a minute. By washing your fruit and vegetables in a sink half filled with water instead of rinsing them under the tap, you'll save around 15 litres of water. You can also place frozen food in the fridge to defrost overnight rather than using running water to do the job.
- ### set the right temperature

8 Make sure your hot water system thermostat is not set too high. Using cold water to cool hot water is a waste.
- ### dishwasher dividends

9 When buying a dishwasher, select a water-efficient model with a 3 Star or higher rating, which will use up to 44% less water than less other models. You can also save water by using your dishwasher only when you have a full load.
- ### professional plumbing

10 Don't risk it. Always use a licensed plumber to install your fittings and fixtures. By using a professional, you can avoid the costly consequences of incorrect installation and poor product selection.

For more information about how you can save water visit

www.reece.com.au/watersaver