

Water



Water is our most precious resource, and with UQ consuming approximately 700,000kL of water a year, and we need to ensure it is used responsibly and protected from pollution.



Why this is important

- Australia is one of the driest countries in the world with a history of long drought periods.
- Only 1% of the water in the world is available for human consumption, and 2% of the water in the world is locked in icecaps and glaciers.
- If you measured the amount of water wasted by three leaky taps for a year, this would be enough water to fill approximately 80 baths.
- Therefore, it is important we don't contaminate or pollute the water we have and use it responsibly in our daily activities.



What UQ is doing

- Over 100 rainwater tanks have been installed across campuses, with total storage capacity being over 3.3 million litres.
- Water tanks are used for non-potable water needs such as bathroom taps and toilet flushing.
- Property and Facilities maintains many Water Efficiency Management Plans to minimise consumption.
- UQ also has a university-wide Water Management Policy.



What you can do

- Report water leaks to Property and Facilities' PF Assist, Ext 52222 or email pfassist@pf.uq.edu.au
- Don't leave taps running when you leave a room.
- If a dishwasher is available, completely fill, then use it.
- When diluting chemicals, run taps only as long as necessary.
- When washing labware or other items, reduce flow to effective minimum.

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