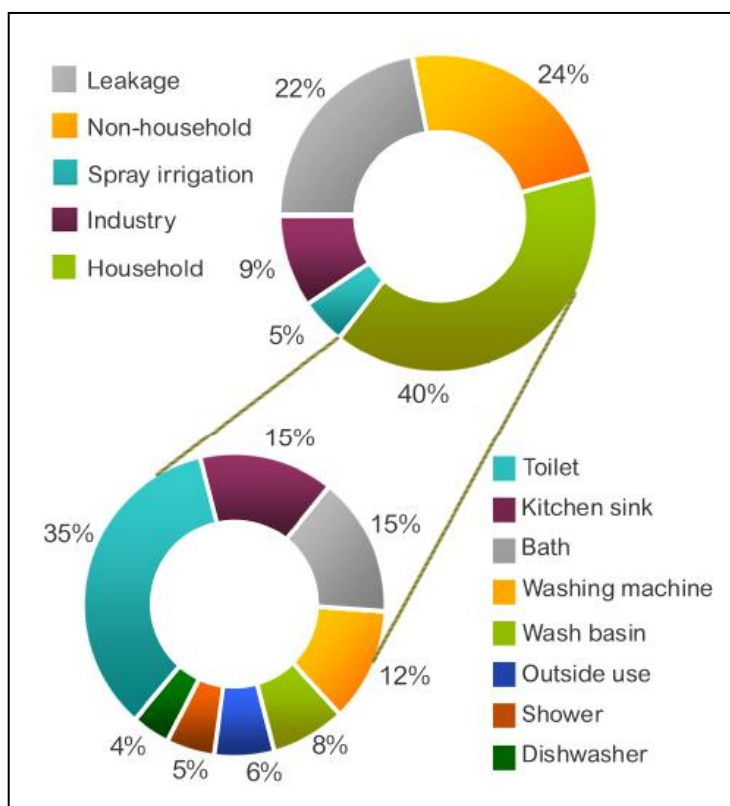


Water use in the home & garden



How much do we use?

Each person in the UK uses an average of 150 litres of water a day for cooking, cleaning, washing, flushing and other household uses, and in Surrey the consumption is even higher at 170 litres per person each day. This level of consumption has been rising by 1% a year since 1930 and considered to be unsustainable in the long – term, especially in the densely populated south east. It has been estimated that a 20% reduction in domestic water consumption will secure water supply for the next 25 years, even in a context of accelerated climate change.

Why is it important?

You may wonder why saving water is important as summers seem to get wetter and winters wetter still it's easy to forget that in the two years up to August 2006 the south east experienced its biggest shortfall in rainfall for over 70 years. Water wise, a not-for-profit organization part-funded by the UK water industry, says that the south east England has less water per person than Sudan and Syria.

At a glance

Use a water butt to capture rain water for the garden

Install a dual flush toilet when specifying a new bathroom

Saving water can lead to lower water bills for those people with meters and cutting hot water uses will reduce fuel bills.

If you wish to find out more about saving water please contact Actio₂n Surrey on 0800 783 2503

