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There'll be less stored water available this summer while one of the storage lakes at Te Marua is upgraded to increase capacity and earthquake resistance.

We rely on recent rainfall for our water supply, with storage lakes providing some back-up.

With one lake out of action, a dry summer could mean we'll need savings of up to 15%.

By working together, we can ease the pressure on our water supply.

See over for some useful tips, and keep an eye out for water use targets over summer.

Remember: watering restrictions are in place in Upper Hutt City.



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Did you know our average
water use per person* is
230 litres a day?

It's easy to use less water...

...in the home:

1. Turn off taps while brushing your teeth or shaving.
A running tap wastes up to 6 litres a minute.
2. Put a 1.5 or 2 litre bottle filled with water in your single flush toilet cistern. **Save up to 30 litres a day.**
3. Fix leaking taps and toilet cisterns.

...and the garden:

1. Target watering to the roots of plants, at a rate the soil can absorb.
2. Don't leave the hose running – consider buying a hose trigger. **Save 10–12 litres a minute.**
3. Use mulch. It slows moisture loss by up to 70%.

We're all in this together

Upper Hutt City is working with Porirua, Hutt City and Wellington to reduce our water use. If we all use a bit less, we can all enjoy a dry summer! For more information on water saving tips and the lakes upgrade, visit gw.govt.nz/water and upperhuttcity.com/waterconservation.

Water restrictions are in place!

A single sprinkler system, irrigation system, soaker hose or an unattended hose may be used in your garden from 6–8am and 7–9pm, but only on the following days.

Tue – Thu – Sat: odd numbered houses only
Wed – Fri – Sun: even numbered houses only

Patrols will be in operation throughout summer.

*+/- 30 litres per day (domestic). Based on sampling, research and surveys.