

# Going, going.... green



Reece, Australia's leading name in bathrooms, is delighted to provide some tips to create a green bathroom.

Belinda Geels, Reece Bathroom Marketing Manager, provides her top tips to ensure you have a sustainable bathroom.

## **Ensure all your fixtures and fittings are water efficient**

Look out for WELS rated products. WELS are Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards ratings. The WELS scheme has two main features - a star-rating standard that gives a quick comparative assessment of a products' water efficiency and a consumption figure that provides an estimate of likely water usage. Showerheads have a maximum 3-star rating, toilets have a maximum 5-star rating and tapware have a maximum 6-star rating.

A standard showerhead uses as much as 25 litres of water a minute, while a WELS 3-star rated water efficient showerhead uses as little as 7.5 litres, and can save about 14,500 litres a year. All showerheads available at Reece are WELS 3-star rated.

Old-fashioned taps discharge up to 18 litres per minute, while low-flow models use as little as 4 litres! Look out for the WELS 6-star rated Ideal Standard Agate Mixer.

## **Install a dual flush toilet**

A single flush toilet can use up to 12 litres of water in one flush, whereas dual flush toilets average less than 4 litres, which can save about 51 litres per person per day, or almost 80,000 litres a year for a family of four.

## **Update your hot water unit**

Hot water can account for more than 25% of a household's energy usage, so it is important to install an energy efficient hot water unit. Reece has an extensive range of heat pump and solar hot water units available. With the current government rebates on offer, there has never been a better time to update your unit.

## **Install a thermostatic mixer**

A thermostatic mixer will ensure that you don't waste any unnecessary water waiting for the water to get to your preferred temperature.

## **Install a water tank**

It is no secret that many of us are living through a severe drought. Installing a rainwater tank is a great way to save some of this precious resource. Look out for the GRAF Carat Underground Rainwater Tank from Reece. Located under the ground, this clever tank is designed to save space in the garden and keep the water temperature cool and free from bacteria growth. Filtered tank water can be used inside and outside the home to supply washing machines, toilets, garden taps and irrigation systems.

**Additional tips can be found at**  
**[www.reece.com.au/sustainability](http://www.reece.com.au/sustainability)**

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