



Water

Water Conservation

For over 25 years Western Australia, and the states south west in particular has seen significantly lower than average rainfall and run-off into our fresh water dams. This water crisis that the state is experiencing has highlighted the need to use water more efficiently, a need that should be met by all of us.

Tips for saving water in the cleaning industry

- ◆ Use dry techniques such as brooms, garden blowers and vacuum cleaners to clean surfaces before cleaning with water.
- ◆ Ensure hoses are fitted with high pressure, low volume nozzles with shut off valves.
- ◆ Where possible, mop floors rather than hosing or washing.
- ◆ Wash building exteriors or other outdoor structures at a minimum.
- ◆ Change window cleaning schedule from 'regular' to 'as required', and use squeegees rather than hoses.
- ◆ Limit use of high-pressure sprayers unless absolutely necessary.
- ◆ When using pressure water blasting, use a hood to direct the water to the targeted area, and prevent over spray.
- ◆ Avoid using pressure cleaners during windy conditions.
- ◆ Investigate the use of microfibre technology, which reduces the amount of water used, as there is no need to rinse surfaces free from detergents.
- ◆ Fix leaking taps and change old tap washers as a single leak can waste thousands of litres over a long period. If plumbing maintenance is not in your contract, bring any leaks to your client's attention.

Saving water in your business can reduce the stress on our water resources, help protect the environment and save you or your clients money. Thanks to new technologies and ideas, saving water has become easier than ever before.

For more information and tips to save water, visit the Waterwise web site, www.watercorporation.com.au/business/savingwater_business.cfm or telephone the Water Corporation on 13 10 39 (24 hours).

For further information about the Green Stamp program and how to incorporate environmental best management practices in your cleaning business, please contact;

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