



Portsmouth Water



SAVING WATER in your business

IN BUSINESS

Water is a valuable
natural resource
both for mankind
and the environment
around us.



By using water wisely, your business
could reduce both its water and
sewerage charges as well as helping
the environment too!

At Portsmouth Water
we are using the latest
technology to minimise
water abstraction by
reducing leakage, installing
sophisticated pressure controls, and



helping customers to repair and replace
their supply pipes.



As a result of our efforts, implementation
of pressure control systems and a
reduction in manufacturing output,
Portsmouth Water now abstract 20% less
water than it did in the 1980's.

We want to encourage everyone to
ensure that by saving water now
there is sufficient in the future for
both our customers and the
environment too.



What can you do now to save water and save money too?

Why not conduct your own Business Water Audit?

Here are some simple tips to help you save water straight away

Illustration of a water meter

1 Check your supply for leaks

- Locate your water meter.
- During a period of no water use, check the meter index. If it is moving - you have a leak. If not, all is well.
- If the meter index is moving, close the internal stopvalve on your incoming supply. If the index stops, you have an internal leak; if not, you have an underground leak.
- Arrange for any necessary repairs (see the telephone numbers overleaf - we can help) and then check the meter again to make sure all the repairs have been effective.



2 Check your water appliances for excessive use

- Repair dripping taps and float-operated valves in toilets and storage cisterns.
- Use spray taps in hand washbasins or make sure that plugs are provided.
- Install displacement devices in toilet cisterns to reduce the volume used. A sand filled one litre drinks bottle, or a proprietary device, saves 10% on every flush.
- Try reducing the frequency of automatic flushing urinals.



3 Institute a system of checks

- Carry out checks outlined in 1 & 2 on a regular basis.

What can you do in the future?

When you are updating, extending or modifying your premises, why not consider the following:

- Install new lower flush volume toilets and cisterns.
- Install self closing or spray taps in hand washbasins.
- Install automatic controls for urinals which completely shut down during periods of inactivity.
- Use careful design of pipework (or lagging and heat tracing) to reduce 'cold water run-off' from hot supplies.
- Use pressure control systems to reduce consumption as well as wear and tear on fittings.



What will be gained by saving water?

Water abstraction by the Company is now 20% less than it was in the 1980's but personal consumption is beginning to grow as household sizes become smaller. If both the Company and its customers are efficient in the use of water, then we can protect our water environment for future generations, to enjoy.

But the best news for your business is that you'll save on your water supply bills from us and probably your sewerage bills from Southern Water Services too.



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Need more help?

For details of Government initiatives, contact the Environment Agency's website on www.environment-agency.gov.uk/savewater or Envirowise www.envirowise.gov.uk

Want more information?

If you would like more information about water quality, leakage, avoiding frozen pipes and other customer services in general, please contact us on **023 9249 9888**, or visit our website at www.portsmouthwater.co.uk

Want help with leak detection?

For help with underground leak detection and repairs contact our Commercial Services section on **023 9249 9888**.

Want help with plumbing repairs and maintenance?

For help with repairs and maintenance on plumbing and heating installations contact our sister company, Portsmouth Water Lillywhites on **01243 372435**, Fax **01243 374700** or e-mail them on repairs@pwlillywhites.co.uk



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