

We all need to save water, whatever the weather

Despite some wet spells so far this summer, our water sources are still at below average levels. This is because the autumn and winter were drier than normal. Our region only received 77% of its typical rainfall during these months, according to official figures.

At the moment, we don't believe that we'll need to take any special measures in our water supply areas this year, such as introducing temporary restrictions on water use – you may know these as 'hose-pipe bans'.

Of course, we'll continue to monitor water levels, and we have clear plans in place if we continue to experience further periods of dry weather.

For all the latest on how we manage water resources in our region, visit:

southernwater.co.uk/water-resources-latest.

Working together to save water

Water is a precious resource and it's important we all do what we can to save as much of it as possible, come rain or shine.

Our teams work round the clock to detect and repair leaks on our network of water mains. They also make sure that we use our water sources wisely, for example by sharing supplies with neighbouring water companies.

We're also providing you with lots of advice and support on how you can help by making small adjustments to your daily routine to use less water.

The steps we're taking now will put us in the best possible position should we end up experiencing a second dry winter in 2017–18.

This is officially defined as a winter where there's less than 85% of average rainfall between October and March.



Top tips for saving water, energy and money

There's lots of ways to save water, each and every day. Visit: southernwater.co.uk/howtosave.

- Only wash full loads in your washing machine or dishwasher
- Use a bucket and sponge to wash your car, rather than a hose-pipe
- Have a four-minute shower, instead of a bath
- Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth
- Install a water butt to collect rainwater for watering your garden (see our website for discounted products)
- Water your garden early in the morning or in the evening, when it is cooler.