

Top 10 tips for water conservation

According to data from Southern Water, we receive an average of 773.6mm of rainfall p/yr in this part of the country.

This means that with just a 1 sq M collection surface (perhaps a shed roof?), you could potentially harvest up to 695L of water in a year!*

**based on 90% collection efficiency*

- Benefits of rain water collected/harvested
- Good soil cultivation leads to less water usage
- Plants thrive without excess watering, they will find water from underground
- When you have to water just water plants not the whole area you are just encouraging weeds to grow
- Transplant in the evenings or when rain is forecast, they will only require watering once or twice to the root
- Select plants that are soil suitable and require less water
- Mulching requires less water using organic material will keep the soil moist, do not allow soil to crack
- Keep watering cans on plots to collect rain water, consider guttering to capture rain from sheds
- Ensure you are taking every opportunity to harvest rainwater on your plot. If you have a greenhouse, shed or polytunnel attach guttering and collect rainfall to a water butt.
- Less time watering the plot leaves more time with your hoe!!

