



Help us economise on our precious water!

Tips and information on saving water in
the Municipality of Eksjö



What the restrictions involve

The restrictions mean that it is forbidden to use municipal drinking water for purposes other than drinking, hygiene and processes. **These restrictions apply to all who have access to municipal water in the urban area of Eksjö**, whether private citizens, associations, public organisations or businesses. Process water is used for instance in industry, **but may only be used in amounts that are essential to the technical processes involved**. Otherwise, the restrictions apply in full (see specification below) to public organisations and businesses as well, and they are urged to adjust their water usage accordingly as far as possible.

In Eksjö's urban area you are not allowed to use municipal water to:

- **Water lawns, flowers, garden plots or the like** with hoses or sprinklers. Watering cans may be used. The drinking water we share, however, is a foodstuff and should be treated as such. For watering purposes, it is a good idea to collect rainwater instead, when possible.
- **Wash garden furniture, house fronts, decking and patios or the like** with hoses or high-pressure appliances.
- **Fill pools, whatever their size**. This also applies to inflatable pools, outdoor bathing tubs and spa baths. If you have a dug pool, you may fill it to such a level that the framework does not risk collapsing.
- **Water football pitches, tennis courts or the like**.
- **Wash the car**. We recommend that as a first option you seek out a car wash that re-uses the washing water.

For the purchase or collection of large amounts of water for your own purposes (although not from drinking water sources in Eksjö itself), please contact private carriers.

For questions about what the restrictions involve and how you can use water smarter, please contact Eksjö Energi.

What happens if you fail to comply with the prohibition?

The problem concerns us all – that's why it's important that we all help to economise on water. No-one will be checking that the restrictions on water use are complied with. Instead, we need to understand why they have been introduced. If you notice that someone is failing to comply with the restrictions, where possible talk to him or her about the matter. It could be that the person in question is unaware of the new rules, or has access to a private (non-municipal) well.

Be economical with water!

Water is our most important foodstuff. With climate change and higher average temperatures in prospect, we may need to learn how to use water economically. Even if the current restrictions only apply to the town of Eksjö, we therefore urge all households in the municipal area, including those with their own wells, to try to reduce their water consumption in whatever ways possible throughout the year. **What you do makes a difference.**

Become water smart!

An average person uses about 140 litres of water a day. Most of it goes to personal hygiene and toilet flushing, while only a small amount goes to food and drink. Help reduce consumption by following the water-saving tips below. **Every drop counts!**

#1

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. If you turn off the tap for three minutes, you save almost 36 litres of water.



#2

Don't wash the dishes in running water. Use a stopper or washing-up and rinsing basins instead. If you wash dishes in running water for 10 minutes, you use 120 litres.



#3

Fill up dishwashers and washing machines before using them. Don't rinse chinaware unnecessarily before placing it in the dishwasher, and use short or eco programmes where possible. A dishwasher uses about 10 litres of water per wash and a washing machine requires about 50 litres of water each time.



#4

Avoid taking baths. A bath contains about 200 litres of water. Shower instead, but don't shower as often, and take shorter showers using a low-flow shower head. Turn off the water when soaping. A shower that is five minutes shorter corresponds to a saving of 70 litres of water.



#5

Repair leaking toilets and dripping taps. In the course of a year, a leaking toilet can waste up to 400 000 litres of water. Up to 15 000 litres of water per year can be wasted by a dripping water tap. By switching to low-flow shower heads and taps and eco-flush toilets, you save 5 litres of water per minute.



#6

Collect rainwater in barrels or tubs for watering your garden and your indoor plants. You can buy water tubs/barrels at hardware (iron-mongers) or garden stores, for example. You could also collect water in basins when showering and use it for watering purposes. The small amounts of soap or shampoo involved won't damage your plants.



#7

Don't fill pools of any type or size, outdoor bathing tubs or spa baths. Visit our bathing lakes instead.



#8

Keep a jug of water in the fridge instead of running the tap for a while to make the water cold. Running the tap for a minute to get ice-cold water uses up 12 litres of water.



Do you have any other suggestions as to how water consumption can be reduced?

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