

# Save water in the garden

Information on how to save water in the garden

- Water your garden in the cool of the early morning or evening. This will reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation.
- If you water plants and shrubs too often their roots will remain shallow, weakening the plant. Leave them alone until they show signs of wilting.
- Collect rainwater in water butts\* and use a watering can instead of a hose. If you prefer to use a hosepipe, fit a trigger nozzle to control the flow.
- Regularly weed and hoe your garden, to ensure that watering helps plants and not weeds.
- Plant flowers and shrubs that thrive in hot and dry conditions such as thyme, evening primrose, rock rose, Californian poppy, pinks, lavender, buddleia and hebes.
- Mulches such as wood chips, bark and gravel help to prevent water evaporation and also suppress weed growth, saving you both water and time spent weeding.
- Lawns can survive long periods of dry weather if the grass is not cut too short. Even if the grass turns brown, it will quickly recover after a few days of rain.

Wessex Water have kindly allowed Cholderton's customers to make use of the concessionary prices at which water butts are available to their consumers:

There are several types of water butt kits on offer - find out more at [www.wessex.savewater.co.uk](http://www.wessex.savewater.co.uk) or call 0844 472 1887 quoting WES05A. Closing date 31 January 2013.

## DID YOU KNOW

Garden sprinklers can use as much water in an hour as a family of four uses in a day.

If you use a sprinkler, The Cholderton & District Water Company will require you to have a **water meter fitted**.

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