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News update for  
Jersey Water customers

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### Why use water wisely?

Jersey is an Island with limited reserves of water, no links to external water networks and with finite reservoir storage capacity. We rely on rainfall for most of the mains water supplied. So that we can make the most of the water we have in storage it is important that we take steps to minimise the waste and use our water resources as wisely as possible.

### With just a few simple steps you and your family can play your part.

By using water wisely you will help to reduce waste, preserve water resources and help the environment. If you have a meter fitted it will help keep your water bill down too!

### At Home

Fix dripping taps, replace worn tap washers and wash your car with a bucket and sponge instead of a hose pipe.

Kids - don't forget to turn the tap off when brushing your teeth!

### In the Garden

Choose where, when and what you water. Target specific areas of the garden; water will just evaporate in the midday sun so watering in the evening is best.



Design your garden to include plants that do not need much watering and use a watering can instead of a hose pipe.

### Fact file

- 1 drip per second from a dripping tap can waste over 5,500 litres of water per year - enough for 1 person for 37 days!
- A running tap can use over 9 litres of water a minute!

For more information on saving water please visit our website at [www.jerseywater.je](http://www.jerseywater.je)

# Could you save money by having a water meter?

At Jersey Water we believe that the fairest way of charging for water is by meter. It not only reduces waste and helps to identify leakage but can help reduce water bills as you only pay for the water that you use.



There are many customers whose bills would be less if they paid for water by meter. Are you one of those?

Log on to our website ([www.jerseywater.je](http://www.jerseywater.je)) to find out more about metering and see if you could reduce your water bill by having a meter fitted.

To help encourage you to change over to a meter, we will fit one to an existing supply free of charge, wherever possible.

As part of our ongoing roll out of water metering, from January 2009, where there is a change of account holder, supplies for water will be charged by meter (which the company will fit free of charge).

Existing supply agreements will continue to be able to elect to have a meter installed free of charge.

	Approximate water consumed		Cost in pence*
Toilet flushing	9.5 litres	2.1 gallons	2.1
Taking a bath	80 litres	17.6 gallons	17.8
Taking a shower	35 litres	7.7 gallons	7.7
Using a washing machine	80 litres	17.6 gallons	17.8
Using a dishwasher	35 litres	7.7 gallons	7.7
Cooking, drinking, washing etc.	40 litres	8.8 gallons	8.8
Garden watering/ Car washing	20 litres per minute	4.4 gallons	4.4 pence per minute

\* prices exclusive of GST

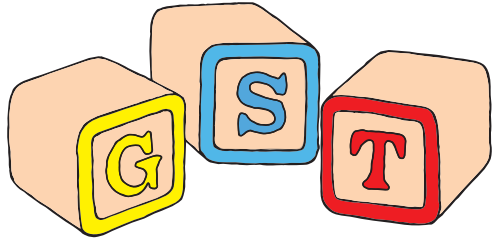
# GST - How will it affect your water bill?

Following the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax by The States of Jersey on 6 May 2008, water charges, like most other goods and services, are subject to the tax at 3%.

**Water bills will show the total GST that you have been charged separately from the cost of water.**

The GST is calculated on the total charges for the period.

GST will only be applied to water bills where all of the charges in the billing period relate to the consumption of water on or after 6 May 2008.



If you run a business that is registered as an International Services Entity (ISE) please contact the Jersey Water Customer Accounts Department as soon as possible to arrange for future bills to be charged net of GST.

For further information about GST on your water bill please visit our website ([www.jerseywater.je](http://www.jerseywater.je)).

For general enquiries about GST please visit the States of Jersey website ([www.gov.je](http://www.gov.je)).



# Take a walk with Jersey Water

Queen's Valley and Val de la Mare reservoirs are the Island's two largest reservoirs owned by Jersey Water and kept open for the enjoyment of the general public. Both have a wealth of natural plants and wildlife.

**At Val de la Mare there is an arboretum with several species of exotic trees and at Queen's Valley you may be able to spot the nesting boxes of the resident owls.**

There are several walking and running routes around both reservoirs. Detailed below are the distances around both reservoirs.

## Distances around Val de la Mare

Full circuit from top car park	2.8 miles	4.5 km
Full circuit from bottom car park	2.2 miles	3.5 km
Top car park to bottom car park (west side)	1.8 miles	2.9 km
Top car park to bottom car park (east side)	1.4 miles	2.3 km

## Distances around Queen's Valley

Full circuit	1.9 miles	3.1 km
Lower circuit from bottom car park	1.0 miles	1.6 km
Upper circuit from top car park	0.9 miles	1.4 km
Top car park to bottom car park (east side)	0.8 miles	1.3 km
Top car park to bottom car park (west side)	1.1 miles	1.8 km



For the enjoyment of everyone, when visiting please keep pets on leads and take any rubbish and dog waste with you when you leave.

For more details about either reservoir log on to our website at [www.jerseywater.je](http://www.jerseywater.je)

