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## **Hunter Water launches Water Wise Weekend**

Hunter Water aims to save four million litres of water by offering customers a water saving rebate as part of National Water Week.

Hunter Water Managing Director, Kevin Young says every person in the Hunter uses about 205 litres of water a day and every home about 210,000 litres of water each year.

“There are simple things we can all do and devices available to help cut water use. During National Water Week, Hunter Water is helping to reduce the cost of some of those products.”

“Hunter Water have teamed up with Bunnings to offer \$10 rebates to Hunter Water customers purchasing selected water saving products at the Maitland, Belmont, Kotara and Glendale stores this weekend,” Mr Young said.

Some of the simple ways to save water include:

- Use a shower timer, spending one minute less in the shower saves nine litres.
- Hand-watering gardens with a trigger nozzle can cut water use.
- Avoid watering in the hottest part of the day.
- High pressure cleaners use 80% less water than a standard hose.
- A rainwater diverter takes water from your roof to use in your garden.
- Rain sensors automatically prevent irrigation systems from unnecessary over watering.
- Single flush toilet regulators are a relatively inexpensive way to save water.
- Consider drought resistant or native plants for the garden.
- Check for leaks in hoses and taps.
- Replace leaky washers.
- Sweep paths instead of hosing them.
- Always run appliances (washer and dishwasher) with a full load.

Hunter Water staff will be on hand to provide tips on being water wise in the home and garden, Bunnings' team members will conduct DIY workshops across the weekend on how to change showerheads and tap washers as well as recycling greywater.

Bunnings Warehouse Kotara Operations Manager Desley Cowan says National Water Week is a great opportunity to discover new ways to save water.

“We live in the driest continent on earth and climate change is further affecting our water supplies. National Water Week (from 18 to 24 October) is all about what everyone can do to save water, as even small actions can have a big impact on the planet, and on household bills,” she said.

Hunter Water will also be at the HIA Home Ideas Expo at Steel River this weekend with information on rainwater tanks rebates.

Visit [www.hunterwater.com.au](http://www.hunterwater.com.au) for great tips and ideas on how you can save water around the home and garden.

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