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Free Showerhead Swap Initiative

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton is encouraging local residents to swap their old showerheads free of charge for more water efficient ones as part of a new initiative launched by the Liberal-led State Government.

Dr Nahan said the State Government's Showerhead Swap initiative is open to all households in the metropolitan area and up to two old, inefficient showerheads per home could be replaced for free.

"This is a very good State Government initiative that will help people living in the Riverton electorate to make responsible, water-wise decisions, saving money and preserving our precious water supplies," Dr Nahan said.

"Installing a water efficient showerhead is one of the best ways to save water inside your home. On average, 22 per cent of all household water use is in the shower. By switching to a highly efficient showerhead you can still enjoy good water pressure in your shower and save between 20 and 30 litres of water per person, per day."

"Showerheads can be swapped at any Bunning's store in the Perth metropolitan area and all you need to do is take your next water use account with you."

Water Minister Bill Marmion said the initiative was one of several underway aimed at driving down individual water use to 125 kilolitres a year, which is equivalent to about three backyard pools of water.

"We must continue to 'bank' water now for next summer, and while you might not think swapping a showerhead will make a difference, if we all do it, then overall we can achieve a big saving," Mr Marmion said.

The Minister said the Water Corporation's 'Target 60' water saving campaign, specifically for this summer/autumn, had started well with an average daily saving of 91 litres per person, per day since it went live on 1 December 2010.

"By 31 March this year, through this initiative, we need to save 13 billion litres of water and with two months left to go we are well on track to reach this target," Mr Marmion concluded.

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