

SAVE TIME AND EFFORT – water your plants as effectively as possible

We are all aware that water is becoming a scarcer, and certainly a more expensive, resource for all of us.

Experienced allotment gardeners offer this advice to help you water your allotments and gardens as efficiently as possible...saving time, your back and water!

- note the weather forecast, no need to water if imminent, persistent rain is forecast
- water to the roots of your plants - watering the foliage, in most instances, does little good. The surface of the soil may be wet but if it doesn't penetrate to the roots your effort may be in vain
- if you water the roots well, once per week is usually often enough
- to help with this consider inserting a plastic bottle or container into the ground around your plant. The cut base will protrude from the earth and act as a funnel for your water
- and/or build up a moat with earth around your plant to prevent run-off which just drains away
- water in the early morning or in the evening when the heat of the day is less intense. Water evaporates in sunshine and can scorch the foliage
- regular hoeing mulches the soil and kills competing 'thirsty' weeds
- do remember that plants once they are established need less water

Do consider installing a water-butt to capture rain water. Many tenants have installed gutter and butts onto their sheds.

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