

Saving water in the garden

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Water concentrators made from

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Compensate for pressure drop with distance from the tap by poking double or triple hole outlets towards the end of the pipe.

A timer at the tap saves a lot worry. PVC Pipe off cuts of 4 inch or more make excellent seedling guards plus water 'concentrators'. We pressed the pipe 2-3 inches into the ground, dropped 3 or four bean seeds into the pipe covered by a hand full of dirt and fill the pipe with water once or twice a week. The beans grow out through through the top of the pipe and are protected from pests. Every time you water you can fill the pipe without water going everywhere.

Save water and detergent

by cleaning seriously greasy cookware with wads of mulching that is hopefully around the trees in your garden, be it grass, hay or seaweed, then take the pots and pans back to the sink and rinse or do the usual.