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With the current pressure on WA's water resources it's important for us all to do our bit to reduce water use. Follow these key tips and you'll be well on your way to maximising every drop of water you use in the garden.

Improve your soil

The majority of soil in WA has little organic structure, is leached of essential nutrients and holds very little water. Getting your soil right is the key to healthy plant growth and the basis of a waterwise garden.

You can improve your soil by adding organic matter from compost, manures, soil improving products and added soil amendments. **Baileys Soil Improver Plus**, a natural, organic compost will replace organic material to improve structure, water retention and nutrient efficiency. Improve soil when preparing garden beds, lawns and when planting into established beds. Simply follow the instructions on the bag.

Keep the moisture in with mulch

Exposing top soil to the sun causes significant moisture loss through evaporation. This crucial thin layer of soil must be protected, maintained and nourished. A water-wise layer of organic mulch achieves this. **Baileys Moisture Mulch** will assist your garden through stressful summer months, reduce weeds and evaporation and also looks great.



Use a wetting agent

Hydrophobic soils are a common condition in Western Australia where water doesn't penetrate the soil after rainfall or irrigation, causing run-off. This condition occurs naturally in sandy soils with low organic matter but can also be found in clay soils where these organic compounds cling to the finer clay particles. Garden beds, pots and hanging baskets are affected. In lawns it is common to notice dry or dead patches particularly in warmer months as a result.



Rectify this by using a good quality wetting agent to break through the waxy hydrophobic layer. **Baileys Grosorb** is designed to assist water penetration, retention and movement through the soil. Always water in wetting agents until they foam, which means they are activated and doing their job.

Look out for these symbols when buying



Baileys offer a range of **Waterwise Approved** products which are easily identifiable by their Waterwise Approved and Smart Approved Water Mark logos displayed on the packaging. These products have proven water efficiency qualities, maintaining strong and healthy growth while minimising your water use.

Hot Tip
Water early in the morning or late afternoon when less water will be lost to evaporation.

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