



HOW TO USE THE WATER TOOLKIT

Water Conservation

The Water Conservation section of the Toolkit contains advice and guidance on water conservation in your club. It includes a simple club house audit to help your Green Team identify areas where you could make water savings in your club and grounds.

The toolkit contains a water conservation action idea sheet, with a range of short-, medium- and longer-term actions your club can choose from to conserve water in your clubhouse and activities.

The toolkit also contains suggestions and resources for organising a five-minute shower challenge and, for clubs that have easily and safely accessible water meters, an easy-to-use template to track your club's water use.

Water Quality

The Water Quality section of the Toolkit contains advice and guidance on identifying and reducing the impact your club activities have on water quality and water wildlife in your areas.

It includes a simple audit template to help your Green Team identify areas where your club activities risk contaminating or causing harm to local waterways or water quality.

The Water Quality section of the Toolkit also includes a range of ideas from which your club can choose to reduce your harmful impact on water quality and to promote awareness of and engagement with local waterways and with water heritage in your community.

The Green Club Water Toolkit contains the following guidance sheets and resources:

Water Conservation	
ASSESS	Water Conservation Audit Template.
	Water Meter Reading Sheet.
IDENTIFY	Water Conservation Action Ideas.
	Organising a Five-Minute Shower Challenge.
ACT	A Water Conservation Action Plan.
COMMUNICATE	Resources to promote awareness of your water actions in your club.

Identify opportunities to save or recycle water in your club.





Water Quality

ASSESS	Water Quality Audit Template.
IDENTIFY	Prevent & Protect – Water Quality and your Club.
	Celebrate – Bringing Water & Biodiversity to Life.
	Create – Sustainable Water Management Creation Projects
	The GAA and its Waterways.
ACT	A Water Quality Action Plan.
COMMUNICATE	Resources to promote awareness of your water actions in your club.

The Toolkit contains practical case studies from clubs and grounds across Ireland, including:

- **AFFANE-CAPPOQUIN GAA CLUB AND CAPPOQUIN CAMOGIE CLUB, CO. WATERFORD**, who partnered on an award-winning water project that included water conservation, rainwater collection, native tree planting, a water awareness mural and the installation of water and biodiversity signage along their river walkway.
- **MIDLETON GAA, CO CORK**, who reduced chemical use on the perimeter of their grounds, created a wilded buffer zone between their pitches and the river, left 'no-mow' areas to encourage pollinator activity and planted native trees and plants to create biodiversity habitats and food sources.
- **MULLINGAR SHAMROCKS, CO WESTMEATH**, a club where many of their biodiversity actions, including eliminating herbicide use, greening of the club walkway and club awareness and engagement initiatives, are focussed on the impact on and benefit for the nearby river and canal.

All Green Club case studies are also available at: <https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub/casestudies>

TOP TIPS

Start Small The Green Club Water Toolkit contains a wide range of ideas for action and engagement. With your club Green Team, consider choosing one or two small actions from these to begin with. Actions that are easy to plan and implement, that are visible and that deliver quick wins will build morale and momentum.

Keep an eye on funding opportunities Green Teams in the 26 counties should sign up to their Public Participation Network (PPN) to receive updates on funding opportunities in their council area <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/a58b8-community-groups-public-participation-networks/> Green Teams in the six counties should stay up-to-date with any relevant funding opportunities communicated to their club secretary by Ulster GAA and follow their council media channels.