



WATER CONSERVATION AUDIT



INTRODUCTION

Water is a valuable and increasingly important resource. Reducing water consumption can lower operating costs, improve environmental performance, and help Clubs become more resilient to future challenges such as drought, water scarcity and rising utility costs.

Football Clubs use water in many different ways, including showers, toilets, kitchens, bars, pitch maintenance and facility cleaning. Small leaks and inefficient fixtures can result in significant water waste over time.

This audit has been developed to help Clubs understand how water is used across their facilities, identify opportunities to reduce consumption and support more sustainable water management.

This resource will help your Club to:

- Understand where water is being used across your facilities.
- Identify opportunities to reduce water consumption.
- Detect leaks and unnecessary water waste.
- Improve efficiency in changing rooms, kitchens and clubhouses.
- Reduce operating costs and utility bills.
- Support your Club's Together Greener Action Plan.





WHY AUDIT?

Why Conduct a Water Conservation Audit?

Water is an essential resource for football Clubs, supporting everything from player welfare and pitch maintenance to hospitality and day-to-day operations. However, it is also an area where significant waste can occur through inefficient fixtures, unnoticed leaks, and high consumption practices.

A water conservation audit helps your Club take a clear, structured look at how water is used across your facilities. It highlights where water is being consumed, where waste may be occurring, and where simple changes can make a meaningful difference. This not only supports environmental responsibility but can also lead to significant cost savings and improved long-term resilience as water scarcity and utility costs continue to rise.

By completing this audit, your Club will gain a practical understanding of current usage patterns and identify realistic opportunities to improve efficiency. These findings can then be used to inform your Together Greener Action Plan and guide future improvements.

A water conservation audit can help your Club:

- Identify where water is used most.
- Detect leaks and waste.
- Reduce water consumption.
- Improve fixture efficiency.
- Lower utility costs.
- Support sustainability goals.



AUDIT COMPLETION

Understanding how water is used across the Club's facility is an important first step in reducing consumption and supporting more sustainable water management.

This section helps identify major water-consuming activities and establishes a baseline for future monitoring in addition to identifying opportunities to improve efficiency and cost savings.

How to Complete the Audit

The audit should ideally be completed by members of your Green Team, facility staff and volunteers who are familiar with the site.

Walk around all accessible areas of your facility and answer the questions below.

Use the notes section to record observations, opportunities or actions that may be required.

Where possible, take photographs to support future planning and monitor progress over time.





UNDERSTANDING YOUR WATER USE

Before starting your audit and identifying opportunities for improvement, it is important to understand where water is used across your Club. Using the examples below identify major water-consuming activities at your Club and make a note of these below.

MAJOR WATER USERS

What are the main uses of water within your Club?

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Examples may include:

- Showers.
- Toilets.
- Urinals.
- Kitchen facilities.
- Bar facilities.
- Grounds maintenance.
- Cleaning activities.
- Vehicle washing.
- Water bottle filling stations.
- Pitch irrigation.



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Water Monitoring (Water Usage)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Does your Club have a water meter?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is the meter accessible and easy to read?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is water usage regularly monitored?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are water bills reviewed for unusual usage patterns?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Has water consumption increased during the last 12 months?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Does the Club have water consumption targets?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Water Awareness (Water Usage)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Do members understand the importance of water conservation?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are water-saving messages displayed around the facility?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are staff and volunteers encouraged to report leaks?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Taps (Facilities)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Are any bathroom taps dripping or leaking?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are any kitchen taps dripping or leaking? (If applicable)	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are taps fitted with flow restrictors?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are taps self-closing or push taps?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is the tap flow rate greater than 6 to 9 litres per minute?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are sensor-operated taps installed?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Toilets (Facilities)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Are toilets dual-flush models?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are any toilets leaking?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Have toilet cisterns been checked during the last 12 months?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are taps self-closing or push taps?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are toilets regularly inspected for faults?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Have water-saving devices been installed in cisterns?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Urinals (Facilities)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Do urinals flush continuously?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are urinals controlled by sensors or timers?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are urinals shut off overnight?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are urinals shut off during periods of low occupancy?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Pipework (Facilities)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Are water pipes insulated?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is pipework regularly inspected for leaks?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Have any leaks been identified during the last year?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Showers (Facilities)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Are showers fitted with low-flow shower heads?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are shower controls self-closing or timed?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is the shower flow rate greater than 9 litres per minute?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are showers checked regularly for leaks?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Do shower users receive water-saving guidance?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are players encouraged to keep showers short?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are water-saving messages displayed in changing rooms?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are coaches and team managers encouraged to support water conservation?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Kitchen (Facilities)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Are kitchen taps leaking?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are efficient spray taps installed?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is a dishwasher used & Does the dishwasher only run when full?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are staff aware of water-saving practices?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Bar and Hospitality Areas (Facilities)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Are bar taps leaking?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are efficient spray taps installed?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is there a water-efficient beer line cleaning procedure?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are glasswashers operated efficiently?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are equipment maintenance checks completed regularly?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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External Taps (Outdoor Water Use)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Have external taps been checked for leaks?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are external taps fitted with automatic shut-off devices?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are external pipes insulated and protected?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Pitch and Grounds Management (Outdoor Water Use)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Does your Club irrigate pitches?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
If yes, is irrigation monitored and controlled efficiently?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is irrigation only undertaken when necessary?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is rainwater used for irrigation?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are drought-tolerant planting schemes used around the site?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Biodiversity and Planting Areas (Outdoor Water Use)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Are planting areas watered by a hose?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are watering cans used instead of hoses where practical?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are mulches used to retain moisture in planting areas?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are native species used which require less watering?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Rainwater Harvesting (Outdoor Water Use)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Does the Club have water butts?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is rainwater harvested from roofs?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Could additional rainwater harvesting be installed?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is harvested water used around the site?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Leak Assessment (Leak Detection And Maintenance)

QUESTION	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Is there evidence of unexplained wet areas?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Have unusually high water bills been observed?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Are there signs of continuously running water?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Has a formal leak inspection been completed within the last year?	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Does the Club have a maintenance reporting system?	Yes ☐ No ☐	



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Additional Observations

USE THIS SPACE TO CAPTURE ANY OTHER ISSUES OR OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED DURING THE AUDIT.

Audit completed by:



AUDIT FINDINGS

Once completed, review your responses and identify key strengths, inefficiencies, and priority areas for improvement. This will help your Club understand current water usage patterns and where the greatest opportunities for conservation exist.

Strong Water Conservation Practices

If your club answered “Yes” to many questions, you may already have effective water-saving measures and efficient systems in place.

Your focus should be on:

- Maintaining existing water-saving practices.
- Continuing to monitor usage and bills.
- Checking for hidden leaks over time.
- Promoting awareness among users.

Water Conservation Improvement Opportunities

If your Club answered “No” to several questions, there are likely clear opportunities to reduce water use and improve efficiency across your facilities.

Potential actions could include:

- Installing water-efficient taps and toilets.
- Fixing leaks promptly.
- Using water-saving devices.
- Improving meter monitoring.
- Reducing unnecessary usage in cleaning and maintenance.
- Educating staff, volunteers, and users on water-saving habits.



FURTHER SUPPORT

Reducing water consumption helps protect natural resources, lower operating costs and strengthen the long-term sustainability of football facilities across Wales.

Many of the most effective water-saving measures are low-cost and easy to implement, including fixing leaks, improving fixtures, changing behaviours and collecting rainwater for reuse.

Use what you have learned in this resource to:

- Understand where water is used across your facilities.
- Identify leaks and sources of water waste.
- Improve efficiency in changing rooms, kitchens and clubhouses.
- Reduce operating costs through smarter water management.
- Develop water conservation actions for your Together Greener Action Plan.
- Help create a more sustainable future for football in Wales.

By completing this audit, your Club has taken an important step towards improving water efficiency and supporting the goals of the FAW Together Greener programme.

Further information on Water can be found at www.faw.cymru/togethergreener-water

If you require support completing this audit, please contact sustainability@faw.cymru