

# Galway Waste Prevention Programme

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## Water Conservation in the Home



# WATER

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The value of water



# Where do Creggs Community get their water from?

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- Water is extracted from lake
- New Water Treatment Plant operating 24/7 to fully treat the water and provide quality drinking water
- Every drop of water entering the network costs money
- Water conservation essential
  - Notify GWS Committee if notice a leak
  - Try not to waste water at home



# Need for Water Conservation?

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- Treated water costs €€€
- Scarce Resource..



# Tips on Water Conservation

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## ○ **Bathroom**

- Shower rather than bathe
  - Shower uses 32 litres, bath 320 litres..
- Turn tap off when brushing teeth
  - Save up to 10 litres EVERY time..
- Use low flow showerhead/install low flow toilet



# Tips on Water Conservation

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- **Laundry**

- Fill your washing machine
- Don't wash clothes unless they need to be washed!

- **Kitchen**

- Always put plug in sink when washing pots, veg etc
- Fill your dishwasher
- Keep container of drinking water in fridge



# Tips on Water Conservation

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## ○ **Plumbing**

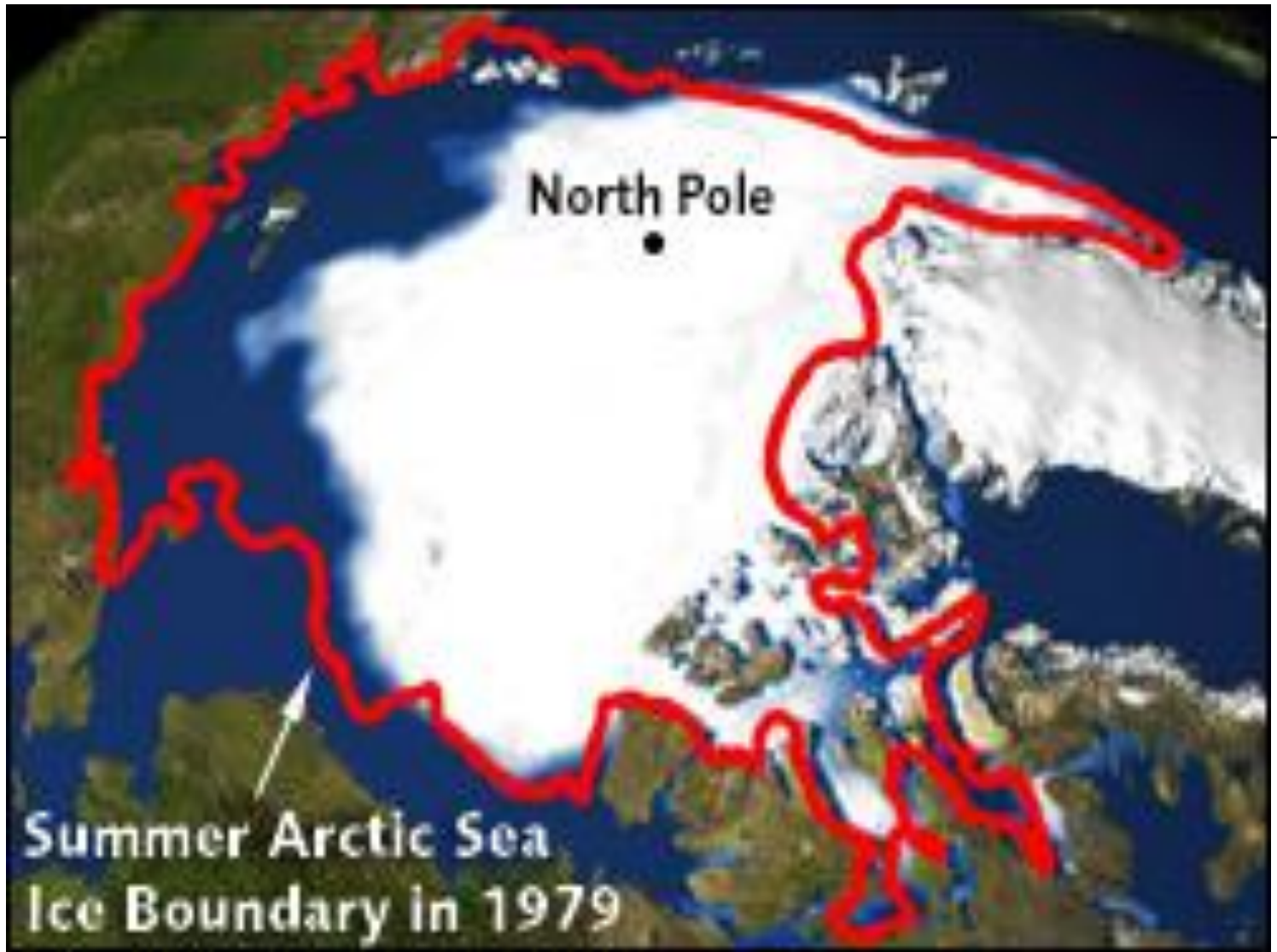
- Repair leaks promptly eg leaking tap, service connection
- Repair dripping taps – could waste up to 90 litres per DAY..



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- **Outside**
    - Use bucket to wash your car –
      - a hose uses about 33 buckets of water!!
  
  - **Garden**
    - Keep blade on lawnmower sharp
    - Water lawn **ONLY** when it needs it...
    - Use mulch to retain moisture







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# Useful Websites

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- ESB [www.esb.ie](http://www.esb.ie)
  - Bord Gais [www.bordgais.ie](http://www.bordgais.ie)
  - Sustainable Energy Ireland [www.sei.ie](http://www.sei.ie)
  - Power of One [www.powerofone.ie](http://www.powerofone.ie)
  - Galway Co Co [www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie)
  - TG4 [www.tg4.ie](http://www.tg4.ie)
- (an teach glas – programme on making your home more energy efficient)
- Carbon Trust [www.carbontrust.co.uk](http://www.carbontrust.co.uk)



# Conclusion

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- **YOU CAN** make a difference
- By conserving energy and water
  - You **SAVE** money
  - Doesn't require big investment
- Try not to waste water

