

WATER SAVING POLICY

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Sustainable water management is one of the key issues explicitly mentioned in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 6th goal (Clean Water and Sanitation) states that by 2030 we need to "substantially increase water use efficiency in all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawal and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and significantly reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity". Due to the growing global population and high-water consumption, water scarcity is steadily increasing worldwide. Water demand between 2000 and 2050 will increase by 55%. Furthermore, the energy required to extract, purify, deliver, heat/cool and dispose water (and wastewater) contributes to climate change and deteriorating air quality. Reducing water consumption through a more efficient use is therefore crucial to ensure sufficient supply to meet future demand and combat climate change.

As a property owner and project developer, we have a major influence on the water consumption in our assets. In order to use our influence responsibly in the interest of the environment and at the same time minimise regulatory risks, this policy regulates all our activities regarding water-consuming fixtures and installations. If water-consuming fixtures and fittings - especially sanitary facilities - are replaced or constructed as part of expansion or new construction projects, the following requirements must be met:

Requirements:

1. Toilet flushing

Toilet flushes should always be equipped with a dual flush. In addition to the WC flush button, the flush should have a WC economy button. The following parameters must be adhered to:

	Requirement
WC economy button	< 3 Litre per flush
WC	< 6 Litre per flush
Urinal	< 1,2 Litre per flush or water-free urinals

2. Shower and Sink

In contrast to toilet flushes, inefficient shower heads and washbasin taps not only lead to high water consumption, but also to higher energy consumption spent on heating drinking water. Therefore, in the interest of resource conservation and environmental protection, the following limit values should be observed:

	Requirement
Tab	< 4 Litre per minute
Shower head	< 6 Litre per minute
Bath tap	No specifications*
Sink	No specifications*

^{*} Since a certain amount of water is required here, fittings with a low flow rate are counterproductive and can lead to higher energy costs, since the filling process is delayed, and the hot water loses temperature in the meantime. Therefore, taps with a higher flow rate should be preferred.



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3. Documentation

The fulfilment of the criteria mentioned here plays an essential role in the certification of a building. Verification is usually done by submitting documents from the manufacturer/supplier of the installed systems. Therefore, the request and storage of the verifications must be carried out as a matter of urgency. These documents are part of the property documentation and will be handed over to the future buyer if the building is sold.



With the reduction in consumption, costs for users drop at the same time.



The implementation of the measures makes it possible to actively save water and thus reduce water scarcity.



The efficient use of resources promotes sustainable cities and societies.



The "Water Policy" ensures responsible consumption of water.



The "Water Policy" is an active contribution to protecting the climate and contributing to sustainability.



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