

TVB “Scoop” · Water Conservation
Cantonese Script and Super Translation

- Anchor Lucy LI : In addition to the increased usage of masks, disinfectants and takeaway tableware, the consumption of one more item has dramatically increased amid the epidemic.
 You are right, that’s water!
- Super : Lucy LI
- MVO : Statistics found that the average daily consumption of potable water in Hong Kong during 2019/20 being 2.73 million cubic metres, which is equivalent to the water capacity of over 1,400 standard swimming pools.
 Is there any reason for the high water consumption amid the epidemic?
- In-street interview 1 : House cleaning, including kitchen, living room, bathroom, etc. because of the fear of germs and filth.
- In-street interview 2 : As household items should be disinfected with 1 in 49 diluted household bleach, much water is being used for dilution.
- Anchor Lucy LI : Nevertheless, water resources in Hong Kong are precious. Though anti-epidemic measures are essential, any drop of water should not be wasted.
 Hin Hin, don’t waste water!
- Family interviewee 1 : How can I get rid of the ants if I don't wash the things longer?
 FOK King-hin
- Super : FOK King-hin
- MVO : The family of Mrs. FOK has three members. Her son son is 6-year-old. During the epidemic, Mrs. FOK has paid special attention to hygiene and anti-epidemic measures which lead to increased water consumption and she feels distressed.

Family interviewee 2 : The frequency of hand washing has been increased, as well as
Mrs. FOK laundry, and packaging of the food bought outside has to be cleaned before placing in refrigerator. All in all, we have consumed much more water than the pre-epidemic period.

Super : Mrs. FOK

MVO : With a view to striking a balance between environmental protection and hygiene during the epidemic, it is necessary to practice "using only if necessary, cherishing our precious water". To conserve water, we must start with the main sources of domestic water consumption - bathroom and kitchen.

According to statistics, on a per person basis, you are saving around 10 litres of water for every minute less you spend in the shower.

Super : Shorten shower time by 1 minute
= Save about 10 litres of water

MVO : Also, turning off the water tap when brushing teeth could save nearly 6.5 litres of water.

Super : Turn off the tap when brushing teeth
= Save about 6.5 litres of water

MVO : Similarly, avoid washing dishes under running water in the kitchen. Wash them in a basin filled with water. That is applicable to washing vegetables and fruits as well. Further, reuse those water to irrigate plants rather than pouring away. Rice-rinsing water can also be reused and saved consequently.

Super : Wash dishes in water basin,
instead of rinsing under running tap
= Save about 7 litres of water

Wash fruits and vegetables in a filled sink,

rather than under running water
= Save about 3.5 litres of water

MVO : Through applying various methods of water conservation, we can save water as well as money. Nonetheless, the main purpose of using water wisely is to cherish water resources apart from saving money.

****End****