

Media Release

Leak checks of 2000 Katherine water meters to help save water

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Power and Water's Living Water Smart Leak Checkers will be walking Katherine streets from today to check water meters for signs of leaks, with the aim to save 200 million litres of water – equivalent to 830,000 wheelie bins.

Power and Water, through its [Living Water Smart](#) program is working with the Katherine community to reduce water use and help ensure Katherine's water resource remains safe and reliable.

Senior Manager leading the Living Water Smart Program Jacqui O'Neill is enthusiastic about the effective leak fixing initiative being extended from Darwin to Katherine.

"Leaks are often sneaky and hidden, wasting thousands of litres per year without the home or business owner knowing it. Katherine's water use is over twice the national average and Living Water Smart has found that leaks are a major cause. Around one in five Katherine homes will have a leak wasting an average of 500 000 litres or over \$1000 per year.

That's equivalent to each home filling 2083 wheelie bins with water down the drain."

The Community Leak Program supports the compulsory [water conservation measures](#) introduced by the Northern Territory Government.

Living Water Smart's Community Leak Program can help the Katherine community with these measures and involves two components:

- Identifying leaks – Leak Checkers will conduct quick leak checks at household and most business water meters (20-25mm meter size). Owners and renters will be notified whether or not there may have a leak via a card left in the letterbox or at the business.
- Finding and Fixing Leaks – If a potential leak is detected, the leaks card will explain how to take advantage of a new \$200 Leak Find and Fix rebate to help confirm or fix a leak, using local plumbers registered with Living Water Smart.

Local plumbers are being invited to become registered suppliers with Power and Water's Living Water Smart initiative and help deliver services for the \$200 Leak Find and Fix rebate.

"With all of us working together by using simple and smarter water saving measures, we can conserve Katherine's water supply," said Jacqui O'Neill.

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More information:

Community Leak Program - livingwatersmart.com.au/katherine

Compulsory Water Conservations Measures and Katherine's water supply - powerwater.com.au/katherine

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