Fact sheet

How much water do I need for my domestic supply?





The annual water needs for a property will vary depending on where it is located, the number of people dependent on the supply, and the size of the domestic garden.

The following table can help you estimate the volume of water required for your annual, domestic water needs for use on your property.

Estimates of annual water needs

Domestic water	Description	(1) m³/person/yr or area	(2) Persons/area	(1) x (2) Sub total m³
Household	House – without septic	51		
	House – with septic	64		
	Septic only	13		

Domestic water	Description	(1) m³/unit	(2) # of units	(1) x (2) Sub total m³
House garden	– coastal/tablelands	200		
For each 1000 m ² or 0.1 ha	- slopes	400		
	– plains	600		
	– western	800		

Total net annual water m³

Note: This table provides an estimate of your net annual water requirement and is not recommended for designing reticulation schemes which are based on peak daily requirements.



To convert net annual water requirement into megalitres use the following equation:

 $_{---}$ m³ ÷ 1,000 = $_{---}$ Megalitres (ML)

1 megalitre
is a million litres
or 1,000 kilolitres
of water

More information

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