



COMPOST: Helps retain moisture in the garden.  
INTEGRATION: Hand wash water used to flush.



# WATER WISE

**Trudy-Anne** and her family are trying to tread lightly on the local environment, above all, doing their best to ensure our precious water resources are conserved for future generations.

## WATER

**RAINWATER** Although they live in town they have three 2,000L rainwater tanks connected to the whole house. Due to Trudy-Anne's utter dislike for wasting water, these modestly sized tanks keep the family supplied with fresh rainwater for a surprisingly large part of the year.

**TOILET** A hand wash basin is integrated into the toilet, saving water by first using fresh water for hand washing, then flowing into the cistern to ultimately flush the toilet at its next use.

**NOT A WALLY** Wasting of water is kept to a minimum. Dishes are washed by hand with the dish water going out on the garden. "Cold" water from the hot water pipes is collected whilst waiting for the hot water to come through, this is put in a drinking filter or out on the garden. Bath water is used to fill the cistern in the other toilet, or out on the garden. Laundry water also goes out on the garden.

**IT DOESN'T END THERE** In addition to being water wise, the family reuse and recycle as much of their waste as possible. Only one shopping bag or less goes into the rubbish bin each week. The house also has solar hot water and solar power, ensuring electricity bills are kept to a minimum.



# SMART LIVING MOUNT GAMBIER



TOP LEFT: Old singlet turned into a face washer.  
TOP: Three 2,000 L rainwater tanks.  
BOTTOM: "Cold" hot water doesn't go down the drain in this house, it's saved for drinking or the garden.

