ENVIRONMENT · A2 WATER · ATTRIBUTE ENV-08

Water-efficient fixtures

How many of your showers, taps and toilets are low-flow: designed to use less water while still working well.

HOW OFTEN	EVIDENCE	ENTERED BY	TYPE
Annually	Fixture audit	The property	Measured (%)

Why it matters

Showers and taps account for a large share of the water used in guest rooms, and much of it is hot, so it costs energy as well. A modern low-flow shower head or tap aerator reduces the flow without most guests noticing any difference.

How to do better

- Measure what you have: hold a measuring jug under the shower for 15 seconds and multiply by four to get litres per minute.
- Fit aerators to taps; they cost little and take minutes to install.
- Replace shower heads that deliver much more than about 9 litres a minute.
- Choose dual-flush toilets when replacing, and check existing cisterns for silent leaks.

How to record it in Canoprise

1. Time a sample of showers and taps with a measuring jug and a stopwatch.
2. Count how many fittings meet the limit and enter the percentage and the date.
3. Keep a leak-check routine and log, and attach the test sheet.

What you enter

Ref	What to enter	How it is entered
ENV-08.1	**Low-flow share (showers ≤9 L/min, taps ≤8 L/min)**	Percentage
ENV-08.2	Showers ≤9 L/min (n of N)	Count
ENV-08.3	Hand-wash taps ≤8 L/min (n of N)	Count
ENV-08.4	Low-flush toilets (n of N)	Count
ENV-08.5	Leak-check SOP and log	Yes / no
ENV-08.6	Flow self-check records	Document

Items marked “calculated for you” need no entry.

How it is scored

Measured. With the default settings it scores 100 at 100% and 0 at 10%, on a straight line between. Your group can set its own target and floor.

COMMON MISTAKE

Relying on the manufacturer's stated flow rate without testing fittings as installed.

WHAT GOOD LOOKS LIKE

A dated test sheet by room type, and a leak log that shows checks and repairs.

IF YOU ARE WORKING TOWARDS A CERTIFICATE

Some certification schemes set flow limits, for example showers at 9 litres a minute or less and taps at 8 or less in most fittings. Requirements differ between schemes and change over time, so check the one you are applying to.

Where it counts

Certification

- WTTC Basics 2026 fixtures: Efficient water fixtures
- Green Key 3.2: Leaks monitored and repaired
- Green Key 3.3: Showers at 9 L/min or less (80%)
- Green Key 3.4: Taps at 8 L/min or less (80%)
- Green Key 3.5: Efficient urinals
- Green Key 3.6: Efficient new toilets
- Green Key 3.7: Water-efficient new machines
- EarthCheck 2.3.3: Freshwater sources, efficiency and risk

Reporting frameworks (referenced, not scored)

- CSRD E3: Water and marine resources (in part)

Part of topic guide A2 Water, which covers the whole topic and lists the certification criteria it supports.