

Water Policy – Department of Estates

1. Introduction

The University of Hertfordshire is committed to water management measures which, in addition to meeting all legal requirements and approved codes of practice, `minimise water wastage and optimise the use of water saving and harvesting technologies where possible.

2. Policy Aims

This policy is to clarify the water management that takes place at the University and to reflect the commitments set out in the University's Environmental Policy.

3. The University of Hertfordshire is committed to:

- Complying with all relevant legal and legislative requirements relating to water use, consumption, and efficiency
- Identifying areas of significant water use at the University in order to set appropriate objectives and action plans designed to reduce water waste
- Reducing year on year water consumption, benchmarking will be undertaken this year using water intensity (per staff and student FTE) in line with targets
- Monitor and report on water consumption
- Procuring water in line with the university's Procurement Policy
- Support the purchase of water efficient products and services as outlined in the university Sustainable Procurement Policy
- Develop a programme of preventative maintenance to maintain and optimise the water efficiency of installed building services
- Ensure the availability of information and necessary resources to achieve water objectives and targets
- Consider and implement, where possible, water saving and harvesting technologies within all new build and major refurbishment projects in line with the Sustainable Construction principles
- Provide compliant vehicle wash down facilities for the university fleet
- Drinking water facilities will be provided for staff and students across the estate

4. Water Targets 2022-2023

Water consumption (m ³)	Water consumption to remain below 13m ³ per person
Water consumption (m ³ /fte)	Reduction year on year