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IDEAS FOR #WATERSHEDWEDNESDAY



TESTING THE WATERS

(THIS SHOULD ALREADY BE PART OF YOUR DAILY PRACTICE):

1. Use only short flushes in the bathrooms.
2. Limit free access to coffee and water to 2 to 3 times a day.
3. Provide hand sanitiser in the bathrooms and encourage colleagues to use it.
4. Do a water audit of your facility ahead of time and communicate the average per capita water use in the office per day... then challenge staff to reduce that before, on and after #WatershedWednesday.
5. Run a water-saving ideas competition and reward the winner (e.g. with a Jojo tank).
6. Invite a speaker to give a talk on water-saving devices, information, apps, meter reading, etc.
7. No office floor washing for the day.

KNEE DEEP

1. Implement a "Permission Cubicle" where it's okay to let yellow mellow.
2. Switch to cold water only for shower facilities (hot water takes a while to run through pipes and the cold water is wasted).
3. Wash coffee mugs only at the end of the day. Keep mugs at your desks.
4. Only provide coffee and water for important meetings with external parties.
5. Gyms can introduce timers in showers that beep after one minute.
6. Encourage staff to come to work in yesterday's clothes so they don't have to do a load of washing the day before. And why not wear them again the following day?

IN. HOOK LINE AND SINKER

1. Ask all staff to bring in their own supply of water (no more than 2 litres) and to use it for all their needs during the day, including handwashing, flushing and drinking.
2. Suspend all tea and coffee arrangements.
3. Suspend dishwashing for the day.
4. Provide sanitiser in the bathrooms and switch off taps to basins.
5. Switch off water to the toilets and urinals for the day (or hours of the day) and have a bucket of water at hand in case of an emergency flush.
(Note - some things should not mellow, they pose a serious health hazard.)
6. Ban office showers for the day.