

Environmental Sustainability

Mini Series #10
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ECO SEMINARS

A series of [free online Eco-Seminars](#) to raise awareness of key sustainability challenges and solutions, while schools have been forced online in many countries. Children, students, families and members of the public can [register for free over Eventbrite](#) and participate through Zoom, each fortnight from 21 April to 16 June. For example, Seminar 4 (Tuesday, June 2) will be on Nature, Biodiversity and Ecosystems.

Exceptional bank holiday weekend for Britain's electricity network.

Soaring levels of solar, along with strong wind generation, meant that on Sunday 24th May, the grid saw it's lowest carbon moment ever. According to [Drax Electric Insights](#), hitting 33gCO₂/kWh as compared to the full year average carbon figure used for statutory reporting in 2019 which was 256.6gCO₂/kWh.



Iceland cuts food waste by 23% and aims for 50% reduction by 2030

Iceland either donates surplus food to local communities or converts it to animal feed or energy through anaerobic digestion. Over the last year, Iceland has sold more than 1.3 million tonnes of food, sending zero food to landfill. Read more [here](#).

TIP OF THE WEEK

Stick my jeans where?

Did you know denim isn't meant to be washed regularly? Leaving denim clothes in the freezer overnight can get rid of odours instead, and save water too! #LiveSavvy



via Hubbub

SUSTAINABLE WATER GUIDE



Tap water:

- Tap water is safe in the UK, as the UK has a state of the art filtration process.
- Cloudy water is also safe to drink as it only contains excess air.
- You should avoid using hot water & mixer taps for drinking or cooking because it often comes from a storage tank within the home and is not as fresh as water directly from the mains.

For your garden:

- If you have paddling pool, after use, please use the left over water to water your garden.
- When refreshing a pet's water bowl, use the old water on plants rather than pouring it down the drain.
- Out in the garden watering your plants? Make sure you use a watering can instead of a hose – a hosepipe can use up to 1,000 litres of water an hour.

In your toilet:

- Only flush the 3 P's (Pee, Poo and toilet Paper) into your loo. Everything else goes in the bin ([even wipes that claim to be flushable](#)).
- Your home and garden could flood when waste that builds up behind blockages comes back through your pipes, loos and sinks.

Finally, whilst you enjoy the outdoors in the sun this week, don't forget to take your re-usable water bottle with you.