

Annex

How does Colruyt Group keep its water footprint as small as possible?

1. Circular water usage

- **Avoid use:** use the correct type of water for the right application. Don't use drinking water when this is not necessary.
- **Reduce:** use water sparingly, for example by optimising installations.
- **Reuse & recycle:** collect and reuse rain water and waste water as much as possible, possibly after water purification.
- **Replenish:** buffer excess rainwater and allow to seep into the groundwater layer.

2. Protection of water supplies

Keeping water in the natural water cycle and out of the sewers as much as possible, that is our objective. At our sites, we strive towards a minimal impact on the surface water and the underlying ground water. We opt for permeable pavements and provide aboveground and underground systems to allow rainwater to infiltrate into the ground.

3. Reduce the water footprint of our assortment

Agriculture is one of the biggest consumers of water, but other sectors guzzle water as well. We want to systematically reduce the **water footprint of our assortment** of products and services, and tackle **ecotoxicity** and **eutrophication** in fresh and salt water. We cooperate with producers and partners for this.

You can find more information about the water (re)use initiatives at www.colruytgroup.com (for example <https://www.colruytgroup.com/en/about-us/support-activities/technics-engineering/our-activities/sustainable-use-of-water-this-is-how-we-do-it>) and in our most recent annual report on page 160 (https://issuu.com/colruytgroup/docs/annual_report_with_sustainability_reporting_2021-2?fr=sNWUwOTUyNDQ0MTc)