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Time is Money - card & coin meters from the UK's leading manufacturer



EMPHASIS ON WATER CONVERSATION – *Jul 2006* **Are Visitors Concerned About Water Conservation?**

Leisure operators wishing to show concern for the environment should consider using electronic controls to reduce water consumption. Not only are water bills reduced but clients become aware of environmental concerns. The public are becoming more and more aware of the need to conserve energy and water. However when using public facilities, they often don't think about the impact this has on the environment. By promoting the economic use of water and electricity, and demonstrating it by using control systems leisure operators could be leading the way in the ecology movement and saving money as well.

With a water crisis now firmly established in the southern half of Britain, the time is right for organisations with significant water consumption to take steps to reduce usage. It makes huge commercial sense as well. For example, most shower users find that 10 litres a minute is the optimum flow rate for a shower. If they leave the shower running for five minutes then that can waste 50 litres. If there are ten showers, all left running just five minutes a day longer than needed, then the volume of water wasted amounts to a staggering 182,500 litres (or 40,555 gallons) of water a year.

Many leisure operators are already using technology to help them reduce water usage and conserve energy. Leisure Controls International of Blandford, Dorset UK produces controls and timers to fit equipment used in the leisure industry. The controls can be simple coin or card operated timers to PC controlled systems and can be used for access control as well as turning on and off electrical equipment.

Organisations that install water saving devices such as the AS or LT Series Shower Timers from LCI may qualify to enter the 2007 Water Efficiency Awards promoted by the Environment Agency. See www.environment-agency.gov.uk for more information.

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