



Understanding Your Water Usage



Did you know?

On average, an individual in a household uses 70 gallons of water per day. That means a typical family of four uses 280 gallons of water a day. You can help conserve water by replacing old fixtures or conducting a home audit to find leaks.

What to do if you think you have a leak...

Look for dripping taps, including washing machine and dishwasher connections.

Check your toilet for leaks:

Place a few drops of food coloring into the toilet tank.

Without flushing it, look for coloring in the bowl after 30 minutes.

If there is color in the bowl, you have a leak.

Look Outdoors for leaks on garden taps, hoses, sprinkler and watering systems.

Check appliances including hot water heaters, air conditioners and solar panels.



If you are still unable to find the leak please arrange for a licensed plumber to locate and repair.

HOW MUCH WATER DOES IT TAKE?

Indoor Consumption

Activity	Gallons Used (Conventional)	Gallons Used (Water Saving Devices*)
Toilet Flushing	5 – 7 per flush	1-1/2 – 3-1/2 per flush
Shower	7 – 10 per minute	2 – 4 per minute
Bath (full tub)	36 – 50 for regular tub	30 – 40 for regular tub 40 – 80 for whirlpool tub
Washing Machine	60 for top loader	42 for top loader
Dishwasher	15 per normal load	7-1/2 – 10 per normal load
Dish Washing by Hand	30 with tap running	10 – 20 with tap running
Brushing Teeth	10 with tap running	2 – 3 with tap running
Shaving	20 with tap running	2 – 5 with tap running

* The rate of consumption for water-saving devices or products significantly varies. Please check the plumbing fixture package to determine the merchandise's efficiency.

Outdoor Consumption

Hose Size	Time	Gallons Used
1/2 inch	1 Hour	630
5/8 inch	1 Hour	1,020
3/4 inch	1 Hour	1,860

Irrigation

On average a pop-up station uses approximately 16 gallons per minute. If your irrigation system has eight stations, and you water twice a week with each station running for 15 minutes, that's 1,920 gallons per day or 15,360 gallons per month.