

Appliances

WaterSense Products are independently tested and certified and meet EPA's specification for water efficiency and performance. When replacing household appliances, check for the WaterSense label.



Dishwashing Machines are more efficient than washing by hand, especially if you run full loads. New dishwasher models run on less than 6 gallons per load. If you must hand wash, fill one side with dish soap and the other with rinse water. This will prevent the need to continuously run water.

Laundry accounts for almost 22% of our home water usage. Cut back on this by installing an energy efficient washer, which only uses an about 15 gallons per load. If this isn't an option, make sure to only wash full loads, saving water and energy!

Daily Water and Money Saving Tips

- *Turn off the water when brushing your teeth. This saves over 4 gallons per minute*
- *Keep drinking water in the fridge so you don't have to continuously run water waiting for it to get cold*
- *Shorten showers*
- *Do not needlessly flush the toilet*
- *Turn off the water when you shave and you could save over 100 gallons a week*
- *Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost and save gallons every time*

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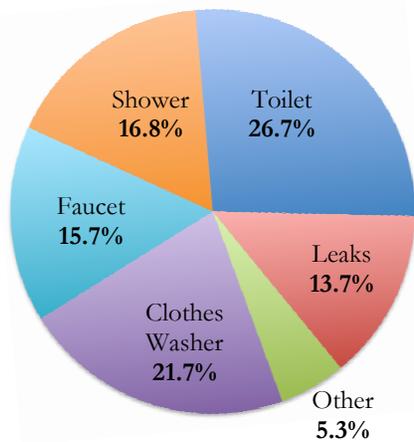


Indoor Water Conservation Manual



The average American household uses over **300 gallons** of water per day. Cutting back on water use in day-to-day activities can significantly reduce your impact on the environment and the impact on your wallet. Keep reading to see how you can increase your home's water efficiency!

How Do We Use Water?



Source: American Water Works Association Research Foundation, "Residential End Uses of Water." 1999

Conservation Tips for the Home

Toilets account for 27% of the water used in our homes, making them the largest indoor user. Starting here can greatly increase your water savings. Look below to see available options.



Low-Flow Toilets could cut your toilet water usage in half. The newer models use only 1.6 gallons per flush or less, saving thousands of gallons per year. Not ready to replace your toilet? Not a problem.

Retrofit your old toilet with a displacement bottle that will save you half a gallon per flush. It's simple and easy to do. Take a half gallon plastic container, fill half with rock or something similar, and then top it off with water. Place it in the tank making sure it doesn't interfere with the flushing mechanism.

The Shower Test determines if you would benefit from a low-flow showerhead. Place a bucket under it for 20 seconds. If more than 1 gallon is collected you need a new showerhead.

Leaks from faucets and toilets are an unnecessary waste of water and one of the simplest fixes.

Test if your toilet is leaking by placing a few drops on food coloring into the tank. Wait 10-15 minutes and if the coloring is visible in the bowl, you have a leak. This can be fixed by cleaning or replacing the flush valve (flapper) in the tank.



Source: Environmental Protection Agency, "Water Sense Savings Tips" 2014

*Average U.S. family per year

Faucet Leaks are more noticeable than toilet leaks and just as easy to fix. They are usually caused by worn out washers and only cost pennies to replace. One drip every second adds up to 5 gallons per day!