



INDOOR CONSERVATION

Water usage varies from person to person and community to community but on average Americans use 183 gallons of water a day for cooking, washing, flushing, and watering purposes. The average family turns on the tap between 70 and 100 times daily. About 74% of home water usage is in the bathroom, about 21% is for laundry and cleaning, and about 5% is in the kitchen.



LAUNDRY

- Don't wash less than a full load of laundry.
This can save as much as 100 gallons of water a week. The average clothes washer uses about 50 gallons of water per load.



BATHROOM

- Install aerators in faucets and flow restrictors in shower heads.
- Keep showers down to 5 minutes or less.
This will save 75 gallons of water a week per person. Showering and bathing is one of the largest users (27%) of water domestically.
- Try the toilet leak test: Take the lid off your toilet tank and drop a couple of food coloring drops into the tank. Wait ten minutes. If you have a leak, the bowl will change colors. It may be a bad flapper that can be replaced inexpensively.
A leaky toilet can waste more than 20,000 gallons of water a year.
- Never use the toilet as a wastebasket.
Flushing the toilet requires 2 to 7 gallons of water.
- Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth.
This saves 35 gallons of water a week per person.



KITCHEN

- Instead of running the faucet to get a cold drink, keep a container of water in the refrigerator.
This tip saves from 2 to 5 gallons of water a week.
- Rinse vegetables and fruit in a sink or pan filled with water instead of under running water.
- Run the dishwasher only when you have a full load.
This tip will save 30 gallons of water a week. It takes 12 to 20 gallons of water to run an automatic dishwasher for one cycle.



GENERAL TIPS

- Repair all leaky faucets, fixtures, and pipes both inside and outside the home
This can save up to 150 gallons of water per week, per leak.
- Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used.
If the meter doesn't read exactly the same, there is a leak.