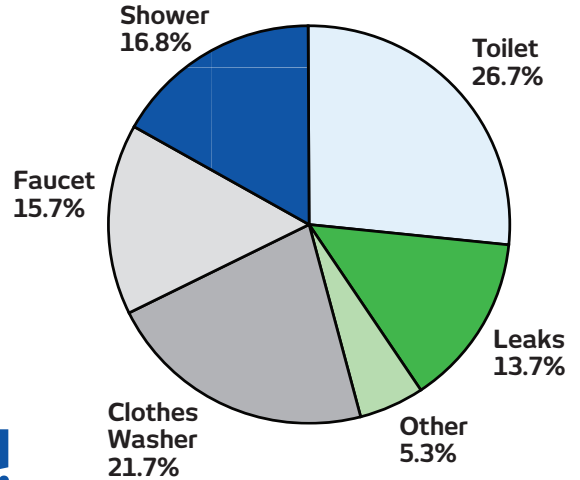




How Much Water Do We Use?



Water: Our Most Vital Resource!

Here Are Some Tips On Reducing Water Usage In Your Home

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

Indoor Tips

- **Check toilets for leaks.** Older toilets use between 3.5 and 7 gallons of water per flush. They can lose up to 100 gallons a day undetected.
- **Take baths or shorten shower time.** Five minutes of showering or about five inches in the tub is plenty.
- **Never let the water run.** A bathroom faucet generally runs at 2 gallons of water per minute. By turning off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving, a person can save more than 200 gallons of water per month.
- **Keeping a pitcher of water in the refrigerator** saves time and water instead of running the tap until it get cold.
- **High-efficiency washing machines can conserve large amounts of water.** Newer, energy- and water-conserving models can use less than 27 gallons of water per load in comparison to 50 gallons or more in traditional models.
- **Use your dishwasher only for full loads.** Not rinsing dishes prior to loading the dishwasher could save up to 10 gallons per load.
- **Hand wash dishes by filling up the sink.** An open tap can use up to 20 gallons of water, but filling the sink or a bowl and closing the tap saves 10 of those gallons.















Outdoor Tips

- **Water lawns only when needed** and in the coolest part of the day. Deep soak the lawn so moisture reaches to roots where it will do the most good.
- **Don't run the hose while washing the car.** Clean the car with a pail of soapy water and use the hose just to rinse.
- **Check all faucets and pipes for leaks.** Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons per day.



Unrepaired Leaks Can Be Costly (Water Loss In Gallons)

7.48 gallons = 1 cubic foot

A hole this size														
Loss per day	120	360	693	1,200	1,920	3,096	4,296	6,640	6,984	8,424	9,888	11,324	12,720	14,952
Loss per month	3,600	10,800	20,790	36,000	57,600	92,880	128,880	199,200	209,520	252,720	296,640	339,720	381,600	448,560