



WATER USAGE AT HOME

Helpful tips for understanding your water use

We read meters in Cubic Feet. So, the usage on the right side of your bill is also in cubic feet.

To convert to gallons, multiply usage by 7.48

Previous Read: 682

Current Read: 689

Usage: 700.00

There's no way I've used that many gallons!

It can be hard to put your usage in perspective, and we're here to help! The average 2 person household uses 3,000 gallons of water per month. 3,000 gallons is equivalent to about 400 cubic feet.

Water leaks can include minor problems like a running toilet or a leaky faucet. But these problems can increase your usage by 9.5 gallons per day.

Water leaks could also be caused by less visible, and/or quieter issues.

For example, there might be broken seals around the water connectors to your appliances. These water connectors can also come loose and cause a leak (think shaking during the spin cycle).

Or, pipe joints can deteriorate and cause leaks over time. Corrosion is another culprit, making pipes susceptible to seepage.

Check your plumbing once a year!

How Much Water Do We Use?

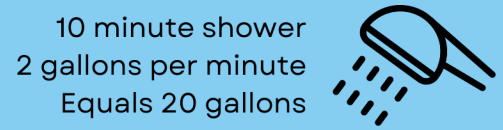


Source: Water Research Foundation, Residential End Uses of Water, Version 2. 2016

The average person uses 101.5 gallons of water per day



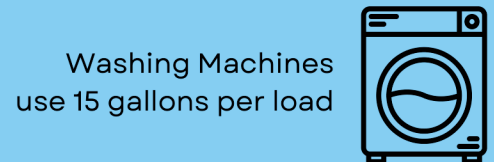
3 gallons per flush
6-8 flushes per day
Equals 18 - 24 gallons



10 minute shower
2 gallons per minute
Equals 20 gallons



For personal hygiene (washing face, brushing teeth), the average is 2.5 gallons



Washing Machines use 15 gallons per load



Dishwashers (depending on age) use 4 - 10 gallons per load

Other water use

While most household water use occurs indoors, during summer months, as much as 30% of usage could be due to outdoor activity.

For example, a 32 sq. ft garden bed requires approximately 20 gallons of water per week.

A typical garden hose has a flow rate between 9 - 17 gallons per minute (depending on size and pressure). Use a pressure nozzle or shutoff with your hose so you only use what you need when you're watering or washing the car.