

Check your water knowledge:

If your toilet is from 1992 or earlier, it is probably an inefficient model that uses between 3.5 and 7 gallons of water per flush. Newer toilets use less than 1.28 gallons of water per flush, that's at least 60% less than their older counterparts.



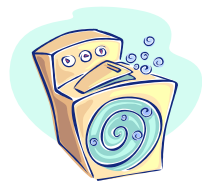
A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water in a 24-hour period; a *running* toilet can waste 2 gallons of water per minute, and as much as 90,000 gallons a month! To check whether your toilet is leaking, place a drop of food coloring (or dye tablet available from the Town's utility department) into the tank; if the color shows in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak.



A leaking faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water each year. In turn, the average bathroom faucet flows at a rate of 2 gallons per minute and by turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth, you can save up to 8 gallons of water

per day, which equals 240 gallons a month (assumes twice a day).

A full bath tub can use about 70 gallons of water, while taking a five-minute shower uses only 10 to 25 gallons.



A traditional washing machine uses between 27 and 54 gallons of water per load, but the new, high-efficiency washing machines (front-loading or top loading, non-agitator) use less than 27 gallons per load.

Hand washing dishes with the faucet running can use up to 20 gallons of water, but filling the sink or a bowl and turning off the faucet can save 10 of those gallons.



Not rinsing dishes prior to loading the dishwasher could save up to 10 gallons per load.



When outdoor watering, remember a $\frac{3}{4}$ " garden hose can use 480 gallons of water per hour, and if you water for an hour, three times a week, that could equal almost 6,000 gallons of water per month.