

Conservation Matters

Activity	Gallons Typically Used	Gallons Used While Conserving	Minimum Gallons Saved
Shower	5 to 7 gallons a minute A 10-min shower uses 50 To 70 gallons	A low-flow showerhead uses 2.5 gallons a min. A 10-min shower uses 25 gallons	25
Tooth Brushing	Running tap uses 3 gallons a minute	Install a low-flow aerator. Wet brush, rinse briefly. Uses only 1/2 gallon	2.5 a minute
Tub Bath	Full tub uses at least 30 gallons	A tub that's two-thirds full uses 20 gallons	10
Shaving	Running tap uses 3 gallons a minute	Rinsing razor in filled sink uses 1 gallon	2 a minute
Keep Cold Water in the Refrigerator	Running tap uses 3 to 5 gallons a minute	Filling the cold water bottle saves 2 to 4 gallons a minute	2 to 4
Automatic Dishwasher	Full Cycle uses at least 20 gallons	Short cycle uses at least 7 gallons	13
Washing Hands	Tap running uses 2 gallons	A filled basin uses only 1 gallon	1
Dishwashing	Tap running uses 3 to 5 gallons a minute	Washing and rinsing in dishpan or filled sink uses only 5 gallons	10 to 20
Using Toilet As Waste Basket	One flush uses 5 to 7 gallons	Using waste basket saves 5 to 7 gallons	5 to 7
Leak	Can waste more than 20 gallons of water a day per leak	More than 20 gallons a day for each leak	20
Washing Machine	Full Cycle uses 60 gallons	Short cycle uses 27 gallons	33