

Resist the flush.



Inside the home, water use is pretty evenly distributed among appliances, but nearly 30 percent is flushed down the toilet. Avoid unnecessary flushing and you'll save big.

Go low-flow.

You can save thousands of gallons each year by replacing old toilets with ultra-low-flow toilets that use 1.6 gallons per flush or less.

Be a drip detective.

Check all your faucets, toilets, and appliances for water leaks and fix them. A leaky faucet that fills an 8-oz. (237 milliliters) container in less than 30 minutes could waste as much as 1,225 gallons (4,630 liters) of water each year. Death to the drip!



Sing in the rain.

A full bathtub requires about 70 gallons (265 liters) of water, while taking a five-minute shower under a low-flow showerhead uses 10 to 25 gallons (38 to 95 liters).



Turn it down.

The average bathroom faucet runs at the rate of about 2 gallons (7.5 liters) of water per minute. Try running water at less than full flow. Turn the water off while you floss and brush your teeth.

The right equipment for the job.

Water-efficient toilets, bathroom faucets, and accessories can save the average home more than 11,000 gallons (41,600 liters) per year.

Fill 'er up.

Running the dishwasher or washing machine when they are only half full uses just as much water as full loads.



Check hoses.

It's a good idea to replace dishwasher and clothes washer hoses every five years. Hoses don't last forever and can create devastating damage—and waste lots of water—if they fail.

Clean clothes. Less water.

By replacing your old clothes washer with a high-efficiency washing machine, you can reduce water consumption from 40 gallons (151 liters) per load to less than 28 gallons (106 liters) per load. Think how much water you will save in a year!



Locate the master valve.

Every home, apartment, and business has a master valve that controls water service. Locate your master valve so you can find it in an emergency. Consider turning it off if you are going out of town. That way, drips or leaks won't surprise you when you return.

It's about more than just water.

If one out of every 100 American homes were retrofitted with water-efficient fixtures, about 100 million kilowatt-hours of electricity could be saved per year—avoiding 80,000 tons (72,600 metric tons) of greenhouse-gas emissions.



Do your part.

If just one out of every 10 US homes upgraded to water-efficient fixtures, more than 120 billion gallons (454 billion liters) of water and more than \$800 million would be saved annually.