Showers.

Laundry:

## Calculate Your Water Ways

Understanding where and how much water we use is the first step in beginning to conserve one of our most precious resources. This simple home water check up will allow you to understand household consumption, both indoors and outdoors. After calculating your water patterns, you can begin to conserve in ways that work best for your life style.



## **Indoor Water Use:**

Total number of showers taken each day by members of your household, times the average number of minutes spent in the shower,
times four gallons per minute equals water used for household showers each day. Gallons used in the shower:showers/day x
minutes x 4 gallons/minute =
Baths:
Total number of baths taken each day by members of the household, times 40 gallons equals daily water used for baths. Gallons used
in baths:baths/day x 36 gallons =
Toilets:
Total number of people in household, times four flushes, times gallons per flush equals daily water used in household toilet. Gallons
used for flushing:people x 4 flushes/day x 4 gallons/flush =
Faucets:
Total number of household members that use faucets to shave, brush teeth, and wash hands faucets, times average minutes used,
times three gallons per minute equals total gallons used daily through faucets. Gallons used daily from faucets:people x
minutes x 3 gallons/minute =

Number of loads of laundry done each week, times 55 gallons of water per load equals gallons used per week. Divide the total by sever
to determine daily consumption. Gallons used daily for laundry:loads/week x 40 gallons/load ÷ 7 days/week =
Dishwasher:
Number of times dishwasher is used each week, times 15 gallons per load equals water used each week by the dishwasher. Divide
amount by seven to determine daily consumption. Gallons used daily by dishwasher:loads/week x 13 gallons/load ÷ 7 day/week=
—— Hand Washing Dishes:
Number of times dishes are washed by hand each day, times three gallons per minute, times average number of minutes water runs
equals water used in daily dish washing. Gallons used in daily dish washing:times/day xminutes x 3 gallons/min.=
Estimated Gallons of Indoor Water Use:
Gallons used in showers
Gallons used in baths
Gallons used in toilet flushing
Gallons used in faucets
Gallons used in laundry
Gallons used in dishwasher
Gallons used in hand washing
Estimated total gallons of water used indoors

## **Outdoor Water Use:**

## Lawn and Landscape Watering:

Number of times each week lawn and landscape is watered, times the number of minutes of watering, times three gallons per minute.
Divide by seven to calculate daily water use. Gallons used watering daily:times/week xtotal minutes x 3 gallons/minute =
÷ 7 days/week =
Other Outdoor Water Uses:
A lot of water is used outdoors for wash cars, fill the pool, rinse outdoor furniture, clean equipment, and other household uses. Calculate
all water use outdoors at a rate of 10 gallons per minute. Gallons used outdoors:uses xminutes x 10 gallons/minute ÷ 7
days/week =
Estimated Gallons of Outdoor Water Use:
Gallons used to water lawn and landscape daily
Gallons used outdoors for other activities daily
Estimated total gallons of water used outdoors daily
TOTAL DAILY WATER USE FOR YOUR HOME:
INDOORS:Gallons/Day + OUTDOORS:Gallons/Day=
Top Three Water Users In and Around Your Home:
1
2
3