

## AVERAGE PERSONAL WATER USAGE

**Estimates vary, but each person utilizes approximately 80-100 gallons of water per day. Are you surprised that the largest use of household water is to flush the toilet to be followed by taking showers and baths? That is why, in these days of water conservation, we are starting to see low-flow toilets and showerheads that utilize less water.**

**Many local governments now have laws that specify that water faucets, toilets, and showers only allow a certain amount of water flow per minute. Many local governments and other agencies, such as North Springs Improvement District, offer rebates for installing a water-efficient toilet.**

**Below is some helpful data to provide you with an idea of average usage and tips to reduce usage. The data is general and may vary.**

**Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact Customer Service at (954) 752-0400.**

ACTIVITY	AVERAGE USAGE	TIP
Bath	36 gal but may vary	Showering saves quite a bit of water
Shower	5 gal pm (reg. showerhead) low-flow showerheads use about 2 gal per minute	Taking a shorter shower using a low-flow showerhead
Brush Teeth	1 gal. pm for newer faucets, 2 gal pm for older faucets	Turn water off while brushing teeth
Hand/Face Wash	1 gal	Turn faucet off before drying hands & face. Do not run water until hot
Face/ Leg Shaving	1 gal	Turn faucet off while shaving
Dishwasher	6-16 gal. EnergyStar models use 6 or less, older models may use up to 16 gal.	EnergyStar dishwashers not only save water but are also energy efficient
Dishwashing by hand	8-27 gal., Newer faucets use about 1.5-2 gals pm.	Installing aerator in faucet head. Scrape food off, soaking dishes in basin of soapy water before starting and not letting the water run while washing.

Laundry	25 gal load for newer washers. Between 40-60 for older models per load.	EnergyStar washers not only save water but are also energy efficient.
Toilet Flush	3 gal., older models, 1.6 per flush for new models	Check toilet for leaks, adjust water level in tank and low-flow toilet
Cooking/Drinking	3 gal. not including pets	
Irrigation	2 gal pm. Typical home uses 4,000 gal each watering	Reduce days and install irrigation meter