

# Daily Water Use at Home



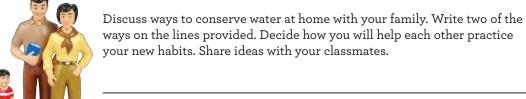
Complete this survey to estimate how much water is used in your home daily.

Average Use: Write the number of times you and your family members do each activity in one day. Then multiply the number for Water Used by the Number of Times the activity is done. This will give you the number for the Gallons Used column.

Calculated Use: Record the number of total minutes used for each activity. Then multiply the number for Water Used by the number of Total Minutes to find the number for the Gallons Used column. For an activity you didn't do, place a 0 under Gallons Used. Add all the numbers under Gallons Used to find the Total Gallons Used.

AVERAGE USE			
Activity	Water Used	Number of Times	Gallons Used
Dishwasher	5 gallons per load		
Toilet Flushing	2 gallons per flush		
Bathing	20 gallons (full tub)		
Laundry	23 gallons per cycle		

#### **CALCULATED USE** Water Used **Total Minutes** Gallons Used Activity Garbage Disposal 2 gallons per minute Brushing Teeth 2 gallons per minute Washing Hands 2 gallons per minute Washing Dishes by Hand 2 gallons per minute 2 gallons per minute Shower 7 gallons per minute Yard Watering with Hose



**Total Gallons Used** 





# Water-Saving Tips!

### Garbage Disposal

A garbage disposal requires a lot of water to operate properly. Use a disposal only when necessary.

#### Dishwasher

Use your automatic dishwasher only for full loads.



### **Toilet Flushing**

Avoid using your toilet as a wastebasket. Tissues, insects and other things belong in a trash can, not the toilet.

# Bathing

Take only shallow baths.

# Washing Dishes by Hand

When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water and fill the rinsing sink to one-third or one-half full — avoid letting the water run continuously in the rinsing sink.



### Laundry

Run only full loads in the washing machine. Running the machine when it's full will save you time, energy and water.

#### Shower

Limit the time water runs while you're taking a shower. Install a low-flow showerhead.

# **Washing Hands**

Don't let the water run while you are washing your hands.

# Yard Watering

Water only on your watering day and only when 30 percent of the lawn shows signs of wilt: leaf blades folded in half, blue-gray color and footprints remain on the lawn for several minutes after walking on it.

# **Brushing Teeth**

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.

For additional information about our water resources, please contact the Communications Section of the Communications & Board Services Bureau at 1-800-423-1476, or visit our web site at *WaterMatters.org*.

Southwest Florida Water Management District

WaterMatters.org · 1-800-423-1476

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) does not discriminate on the basis of disability. This nondiscrimination policy involves every aspect of the District's functions, including access to and participation in the District's programs, services and activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation, or who would like information as to the existence and location of accessible services, activities, and facilities, as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Human Resources Office Chief, at 2379 Broad St., Brooksville, FL 34604-6899; telephone (352) 796-7211 or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4747; or email ADACoordinator@WaterMatters.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice). If requested, appropriate auxiliary aids and services will be provided at any public meeting, forum, or event of the District. In the event of a complaint, please follow the grievance procedure located at WaterMatters.org/ADA.