Single-family homes typically use the most water of any utility customer sector. Conserve water indoors with the following tips:

Faucets and toilets

- Turn off the faucet while shaving, brushing your teeth, washing your face, and washing dishes.
- Use a bucket for cleaning instead of letting the tap run.
- Install aerators with flow restrictors on all faucets.
- Check your toilet and faucets regularly for leaks. Water leaks account for approximately 14 percent of all water use in the average home.
- Replacing an older model toilet with a low-flow model can reduce the amount water used in flushing by up to 65 percent.

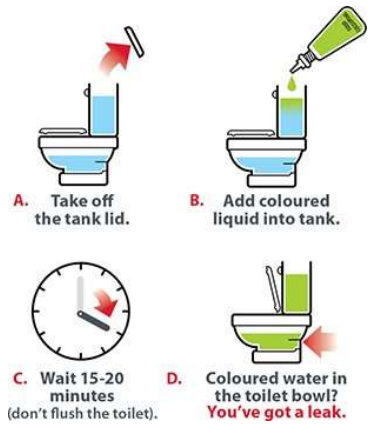


Illustration: City of Calgary

Showers

- Turn off the water while you shampoo and condition your hair.
- Install low-flow showerheads; this can save up to 108 liters in a six-minute shower.
- Take shorter showers; shortening your shower time by even two minutes can save up to 460 liters of water in one month.

Appliances

- Run only full loads in the dishwasher and washing machine.
- Purchase water-efficient appliances; new models of washing machines can save up to 40 percent of water compared to conventional models.

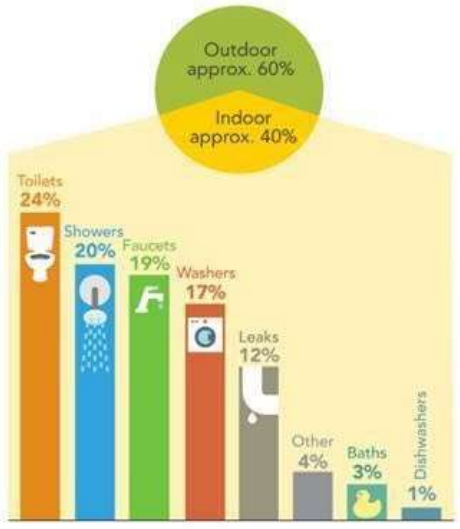


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Informational Resources – Indoor Conservation

Metro Vancouver "We Love Water" – as the lead in water conservation efforts in the Lower Mainland, Metro Vancouver is the primary source for information local municipalities. **welovewater.ca**

Water calculator – The Water Calculator estimates household water use, and compares your home to both a typical household and an efficient household in your zip/postal code. The calculator also estimates your carbon footprint from hot water consumption, and helps identify specific strategies for improving overall household water efficiency. **home-water-works.org/calculator**

EPA WaterSense Program – This website provides some useful tips on how to check for leaks in your home. **www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week#leaks3**

Check for leaks – The City of Vancouver has a nice YouTube video teaching how to check a leaky toilet in your home! Check it out here: **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TtNRUf7-lg**

Water and energy products – BC Hydro Power Smart: **www.bchydro.com/powersmart/residential/rebates-programs/product-rebates.html?utm_source=direct&utm_medium=redirect&utm_content=appliances**

Water efficient toilets – MaP Testing has been a major driving force in the improvement of toilet flush performance in North America. Results on Low Flow, Dual Flush & High Efficiency toilet performance testing. Over 2,500 models tested and reported on! **www.map-testing.com/map-search/**