

# Leaks & Water Savings

Best ways to save water inside the home

## FACTS

### 180 Showers

A faucet that leaks one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water per year. That's the amount needed to take about 180 showers.

### 25%

On average, nearly 25% of your home's indoor water use is in the bathroom and another 25% is from doing laundry.

### 50 flushes

If your toilet has a leak you could be wasting 200 gallons of water every day, the equivalent of flushing 50 times.

### 10% of Homes

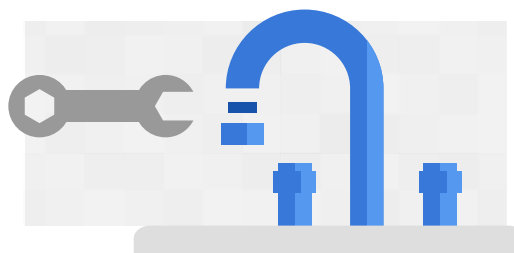
10% of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. That's enough to fill a large whirlpool bathtub.



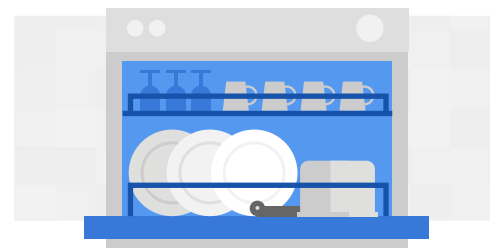
## What to do



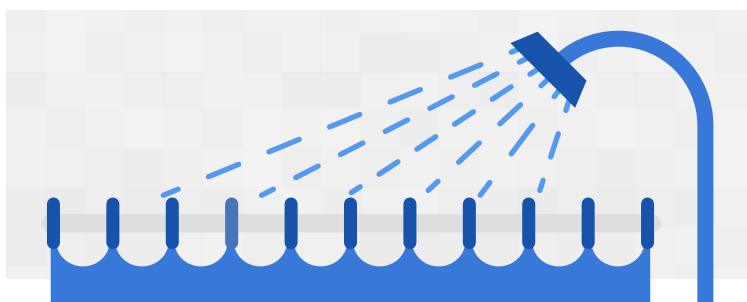
If your toilet was installed prior to 1995, you could be wasting 6 gallons of water per flush. Test for slow leaks by adding a few drops of food coloring to the tank; if the color enters the bowl on its own, fix the toilet flapper.



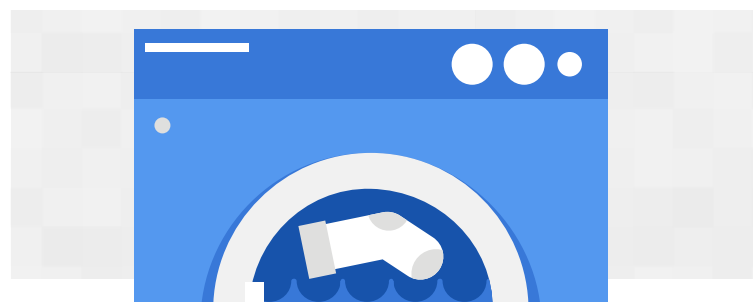
Install an aerator in your faucet and you'll save a lot of water and money. An aerator can save 700 gallons of water per year, that's enough for 40 showers.



Dishwashers built before 1994 waste 10 gallons more water per load cycle. Newer models use 5.5 gallons, that's more efficient than washing dishes by hand.



A shower uses 17 gallons of water while a bathtub uses 70 gallons. Try a low-flow showerhead to save even more water while showering.



The average U.S. household does 300 loads of laundry each year. Be sure to inspect your washing machine hose regularly. If this hose leaks, water can discharge at a rate of 500 gallons per hour.