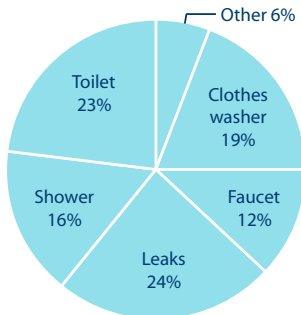


Kitchen Help

Take these simple water-saving steps in the kitchen.

- ☞ Dishwashers use approximately 15 gallons per load, so wait until you have a full load or adjust to correct level.
- ☞ When washing dishes by hand, fill the sink with water for rinsing.
- ☞ Clean vegetables and fruits in a basin of water rather than under running water.
- ☞ Fill a jug with water for drinking and chill it in the refrigerator. Do not run the tap water to try to cool it down.
- ☞ Watch for dripping faucets. Most are easily repaired by replacing worn washers.



Average Indoor Water Use

Source: TWD Residential Water Conservation Study, 2004
(available online at TampaGov.net/water)

Remember, successful water conservation efforts begin with all of us. Thank you for continuing to use our precious water resources more efficiently!



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Saving Water Indoors

You Can Conserve Water and
Help Preserve Our Environment

Water conservation is simply a more thoughtful way of life

Even though the water savings for a particular conservation action may seem small, if everyone practices these habits, the overall savings for Tampa will be significant.

Bath Time

The average Tampa customer uses more than 100 gallons of water each day. With bathrooms accounting for almost half of indoor water use, indoor conservation should begin here.

Water Wise Toilet Talk

As the number one source of water use inside the home, toilets are an easy place to begin good water conservation habits. Many older toilets use 3.5 to 5 gallons per flush. In contrast, newer ultra-low volume and high efficiency toilets use only 1.6 gallons per flush or less.

City of Tampa studies have shown an average water savings of 28 gallons per household per day after replacing older inefficient toilets with 1.6 gallon models. This is equal to 10,220 gallons of water and sewer savings per year!

Follow these other simple steps to start saving water immediately:

- ≡ Avoid using the toilet as a trash can. Throw tissues, gum wrappers, bugs and other items in the waste basket instead of the toilet.
- ≡ Check for leaks in your toilet. Place free toilet leak detection tablets from the Tampa Water Department (TWD) in the toilet tank. Wait about 15 minutes, then check the toilet bowl for color. Remember not to flush during this test. If any color appears in the bowl, there is a leak.

Reminder! For more information about leaks, refer to the Tampa Water Department's "Save Water - Fix Leaks" brochure.

Shorter Showers, Lower Baths & Smarter Faucet Use

Showers, baths and sinks are another large source of water use in most homes. Installing a water-saving showerhead and reducing shower time to five minutes or less can save 11 gallons of water per shower.

When preparing a bath, save five gallons of water for every inch of reduced depth in a standard size tub. Start by filling the tub half full a few times, then work down from there.

Our shaving and brushing habits are easy to "change for conservation" as well. Simply do not leave the water running. If you brush your teeth with the water running, you could waste three gallons of water—far more than most people drink in a day! Water-saving faucet aerators can also help slow the flow.

Free! *Water-saving showerheads, faucet aerators, and toilet leak detection tablets are available at no cost to our customers by calling the Tampa Water Department at 274-8121 or online at www.TampaGov.net/water.*

Wash Water

Washing clothes accounts for approximately 19 percent of indoor water use. Each load of clothes can require 55 gallons of water. Always wash a full load of clothes (or adjust the setting to the proper level) to make your water work efficiently. When it is time to replace an appliance, keep in mind that new advancements in technology are being developed to help conserve water. Look for ENERGY STAR®, WaterSenseSM, or other high-efficiency labeled water-saving appliances.