

## Facts and Tips

- Did you know studies show the average American uses 170 gallons of water per day?**  
By comparison, in Europe the average is only 25 gallons daily.
- Did you know that almost half of domestic water usage is for toilet flushing?**  
It's true; each flush uses up to 7 gallons. Please, avoid unnecessary flushing. Don't use the toilet as a waste basket!
- Did you know that up to 75% of water use occurs in the bathroom?**  
It's true. A low-flow showerhead can save more than 500 gallons per month; a low-flow toilet, more than 1000 gallons per month; low-flow aerators more than 750 gallons per month.



- Did you know a leaking toilet can waste more than one hundred gallons of water daily?**  
If you suspect your toilet is leaking, please call the office. In fact, if you have any leaks in your apartment we'd like to know about them. A dripping faucet can waste more than 50 gallons per day or 18,000 gallons per year.
- Did you know that a running shower can use up to 6 gallons per minute or more?**  
Shorter showers save money. They save the fuel necessary to heat the water, as well. If you run the shower to warm up the bathroom, you may use 60 gallons before you even get wet!
- Did you know that a bath tub can hold more than 25 gallons of water?**  
That's more than an efficient shower would use - 8 minutes at 2.5 gallons per minute is 20 gallons.

- Did you know a dishwasher uses approximately 15 gallons of water per load?**  
You can save a lot of water by running full loads. You may be using more than the dishwasher itself if you pre-rinse your dishes. Try scraping them real well. Often that's enough.



- Did you know that washing machines use between 30 and 60 gallons per load?**  
The permanent press cycle uses the most because of an extra rinse and cool down cycle. You can save considerable water by doing full loads and using the correct water level setting for your load size.



- Did you know that if you leave the water on while brushing your teeth or shaving you could use more than 5 gallons of water?**  
Save more than 90% - rinse only!

