



# Water - Too Good To Waste

Water Distribution Division

## Know Your Water Budget

American households now use about 2,000 gallons per person for indoor uses each month. The City measures water use in kgal, or 1,000 gallon increments.

For example, a family of 2 would use about 4 kgal per month. A family of 4 would use about double that amount of water.

**Calculate your indoor water budget (if your water use is higher, look for leaks):**

Number of people in your household \_\_\_\_\_ x 2 kgal per month = \_\_\_\_\_

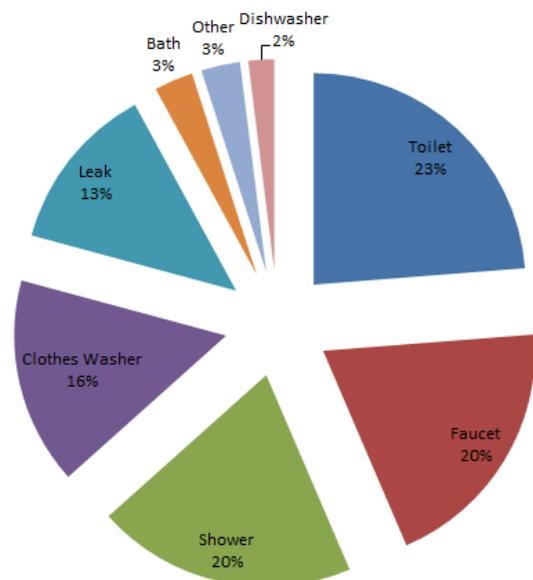
### Look for leaks:

Toilet flappers are the most common cause of household leaks. Take 3 simple steps to find and fix a toilet leak.

- Put food coloring in the toilet tank. Do not flush.
- After 15 minutes, look in the toilet bowl.
- If there is food coloring in the bowl, replace the flapper, then test again.

If this simple repair doesn't stop the leak, the fill valve may be broken.

### Where does the water go?



# Calculate Your Outdoor Water Budget



Many households use three or four times more water in the summer months compared with winter water use. Most of the extra water is used for sprinkling lawns and gardens. Overwatering is the number one waste of water in the summer.

Lawn is the thirstiest area of the landscape. Use these guidelines to give your lawn just the right amount to drink.

- May: 1 inch per week
- June: 1.5 inches per week
- July: 2 inches per week
- August: 1.75 inches per week
- September: 1 inch per week

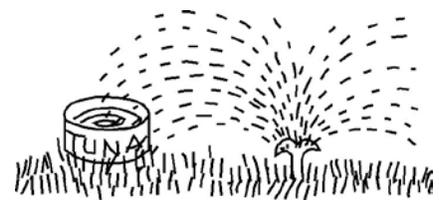
Shrubs only need half of these amounts.

Adjust these guidelines as needed. Actual water needs vary according to the age and type of plant. Watch and learn the water needs of the plants in your yard.

## The tuna can trick:

- Place 3-5 cans at different distances from the sprinkler.
- Run the sprinkler for 30 minutes.
- Measure the depth of water in each can with a ruler.
- Add all measured water together; then divide by the number of cans to calculate average inches.
- Check the guidelines above to see how many inches of water are needed per week.
- Schedule your watering times for two or three days per week.

Take note of the weather. Water a little more when it is hotter than normal. Don't water in the rain.



**Water is a precious resource. Please use water wisely.**