



Water Bill Too High??

ONLY **YOU** CAN PREVENT A HIGH WATER BILL!

YOUR WATER METER DOES NOT CALCULATE UNLESS WATER IS RUNNING THROUGH IT.

CHECK FOR LEAKS. TOILETS CAN BE SEEN AND NOT HEARD. IS THERE WATER RUNNING THROUGH THE TANK?

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY GALLONS OF WATER IS USED PER MINUTE IN YOUR SHOWER, PER TOILET FLUSH OR PER LAUNDRY LOAD? ONCE YOU'VE ANSWERED THESE QUESTIONS, YOU WILL BE SURPRISED TO SEE HOW MANY GALLONS OF WATER YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS USING PER DAY.

ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:

HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE IN MY HOUSE AND USE WATER DAILY IN THE SHOWER, SINK AND TOILET? *AND:*

1. HOW MANY MINUTES DOES EACH PERSON SPEND IN THE SHOWER?
2. DO YOU LEAVE FAUCET RUNNING WHEN WASHING HANDS AND BRUSHING TEETH?
3. HOW MANY TIMES DOES YOUR TOILET GET FLUSHED PER DAY?
4. HOW MANY LOADS OF LAUNDRY DO YOU DO PER WEEK?
5. DO YOU RUN YOUR DISHWASHER DAILY?

FIXTURE OR WATER USE	WITH REGULAR FIXTURES YOU USE:	WITH WATER SAVING FIXTURE YOU USE:	MINUTES OR USES PER DAY	TOTAL WATER USE PER DAY	WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SAVE WATER?
SHOWER	7 GALLONS PER MIN.	2.5 GALLONS PER MIN.			TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS
BATH	28-36 GALLONS FOR FULL TUB	14-18 GALLONS FOR ½ TUB			DON'T FILL THE TUB AS FULL.
RUNNING FAUCET	3 GALLONS PER MIN.	2 TO 2.5 GALLONS PER MINUTE			TURN WATER OFF WHEN NOT NEEDED
WASHING MACHINE	40-55 GALLONS PER LOAD	18-25 GALLONS A LOAD			WASH FULL LOADS
DISHWASHER	15 GALLONS PER LOAD				WASH FULL LOADS
TOILET	6 GALLONS PER FLUSH	1.6 GALLONS PER FLUSH			DON'T FLUSH TRASH/INSECTS.
BRUSHING TEETH WITH WATER RUNNING	3 GALLONS PER MIN	1.5 GALLONS PER MIN.			TURN WATER OFF WHEN NOT NEEDED
HAND DISH WASHING	3 GALLONS PER MIN.	2.2 GALLONS PER MIN.			FILL A BASIN WITH WATER TO RINSE.
LAWN WATERING	3-10 GALLONS PER MIN.				USE A HOSE WITH CUT OFF NOZZLE.
OTHER USES	10 GAL. PER MIN.				

HELPFUL WATER METER TIPS

The Water Department receives many complaints about high water bills and requests to test water meter for accuracy. Water meters **DO NOT** operate on electricity and meters **CANNOT** register usage unless there is water flow. If anything, the meter may run a little slow, which means it does not detect all water that passes through the meter. This works in the users' favor because less water is billed. **Here are a few tips customers can use to see if there is a leak within the home.**

1. The water meter has a little red dial or a black arrow shaped dial on the face. This dial is a leak detector. If the dial is moving, water is being used.
2. Check toilets. This is a common cause for water use. A little leak will add up to a lot of water in a small amount of time.
3. Check your water softener. Softeners use water every time they regenerate. If the softener valve sticks, it will use water until repaired.

If you do not find a leak, try keeping track of your water usage. Document the numbers on the water meter face every day for a week or so. The last two numbers are 10^{ths}, which are not used for billing purposes. The numbers to the left are the actual units used. One unit equals 750 gallons. For example: If the reading on your meter is 220.00 it means that 220 units have gone through your meter. You might be surprised at the amount of water a household uses in a week.

This chart will give you an idea of how much water can be wasted by a small leak in your home or business. With water pressure at 60 psi over a three month period:

1. ¼" hole will allow 1,181,500 gallons of water to flow through your meter
2. 1/8" hole will allow 296,000 gallons of water
3. 1/16" hole will allow 74,000 gallons of water