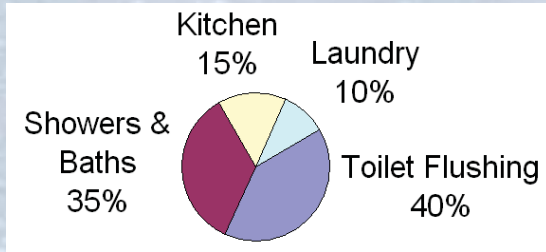


# Water Conservation Tips

In and around the house and outdoors it is easy to waste water. Try these water conservation tips and realize the savings first hand.



*Water Usage Breakdown of a Typical Household*

A toilet uses the most water in a home. It is also where most water is wasted. Leaking toilets are responsible for high water usage resulting in high bills. It is good practice to check for potential leaks in your toilets a couple of times a year. Avoid all unnecessary flushing. Installing a low flush toilet or placing a toilet insert in the water tank can help conserve water. Using only 6 litres per flush can reduce your water consumption.

Showering uses less water than a bath. Have showers instead of baths and keep them short. Reducing a 10 minute shower to 5 minutes saves up to 10 litres of water. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or washing your hands. Repair any leaking faucets and turn your taps off tightly so they don't drip. Several inexpensive water saving devices can be easily installed in your home. These include faucet aerators, flow regulators for showerheads, etc.

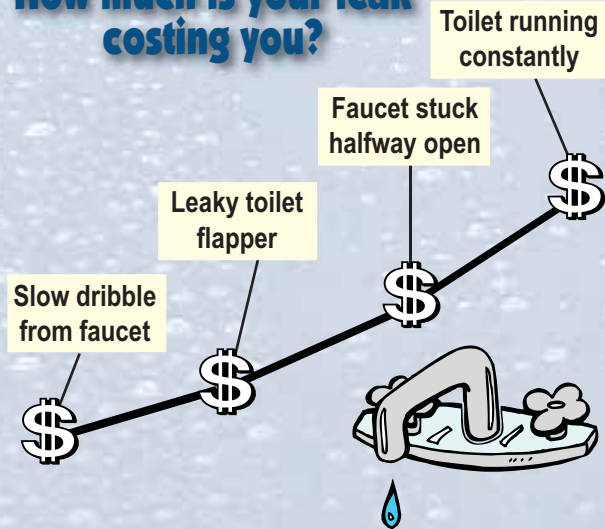
Wash full loads in the dishwasher and use the shortest cycle. Don't run water continuously while thawing food or while washing fruits and vegetables. While hand washing dishes, use a partially filled sink with a quick rinse afterward.

Wash full loads of laundry and use the shortest cycle. Adjust the water to the appropriate level. Repair any leaks around the washer taps and hoses.

It may surprise you that lawn and garden care accounts for 75% of outdoor water use. During the hot, dry summer months, frequent watering of lawns and gardens can more than double the normal household's water usage. Watering the lawn thoroughly once per week makes better use of water than watering it every day. Water in the early morning or late in the evening to avoid evaporation. Check outside hoses, faucets and sprinklers for leaks. Clean sidewalks and driveways with a broom and not with water from a hose. Use a bucket of water to wash your car, then rinse quickly using a trigger nozzle on your hose.

No matter how committed you are to water conservation, if you have a leak you are wasting water.

## How much is your leak costing you?



**Don't let small leaks become big problems !**

**For more information on Water Conservation call Public Works Services at 392-2841**



# Water Conservation

Water conservation is important for us, our environment and for future generations. Water is precious and preservation/conservation of this natural and valuable resource is vital to our City.

To ensure that this resource will be plentiful in the future, each of us must strive to use water as efficiently as possible and to become water-wise consumers.

Practicing conservation as a "Way of Life" can help avoid or at least lessen the likelihood of water shortages and/or inconvenient restrictions, and help you save money.

The City of Quinte West encourages you to think smart about water. Use these simple conservation tips to change the way you think about water and start conserving wisely.