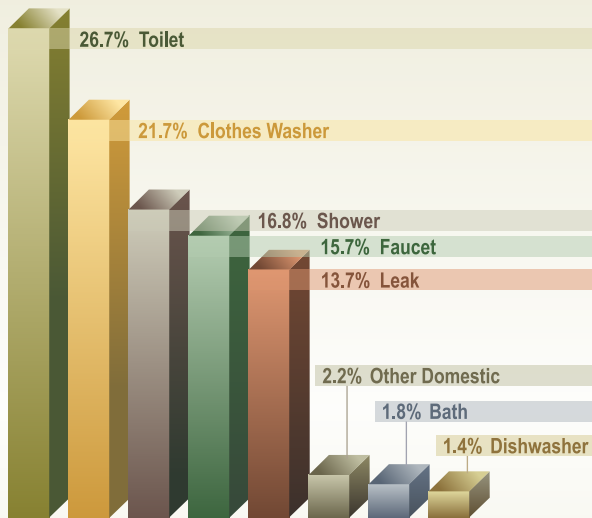


GET WATERWISE

Water use inside the home accounts for a large portion of total residential use. Much of this is used for bathing, washing dishes or clothes and flushing toilets. Updating older fixtures is one of the easiest ways to save water.

Where Does it All Go?

The average home uses water in the following categories:



Source: Residential End Uses of Water (1999) Water Research Foundation



How does your home stack up? Find out with the Home WaterWorks Calculator at www.waterwisetips.org.

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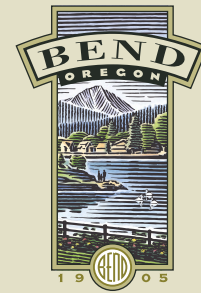


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Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

To obtain this information in an alternate format such as Braille, large print, electronic format and audio cassette tape please contact Karin Morris at (541) 693-2141 or email Kmorris@bendoregon.gov.



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READY TO REDUCE YOUR WATER USE? START HERE:

TOILETS



Toilets installed prior to 1994 use 3.5 gallons per flush or more. EPA WaterSense-approved high efficiency toilets use no more than 1.28 gallons per flush. A typical family of four using high efficiency toilets will use roughly 60% less water than a family using older, less efficient toilets.

SHOWERS HEADS



EPA WaterSense shower heads have flow rates of 2.0 gallons per minute or less. However, the typical American shower lasts over eight minutes. Look for the EPA WaterSense label when choosing a new shower head and limit showers to five minutes or less.

DISHWASHERS



Dishwashers only account for a small percentage of total home water consumption but are still a great place to conserve water. Older models use 10 to 15 gallons per cycle. Newer and more efficient Energy Star® models use less than 5.5 gallons. Make sure to only wash full loads of dishes.

CLOTHES WASHERS



Older clothes washers can use twice as much water as more efficient EnergyStar® models. Visit the Energy Trust of Oregon (www.energytrust.org or 1-866-368-7878) to learn about the cash incentives for purchasing high efficiency clothes washers.

FAUCETS



Faucet water use accounts for 15% to 18% of overall indoor water use in a typical four person household. EPA WaterSense labeled faucets use 1.5 gallons per minute of less. That's 30% less than the average flow rate of 2.2 gallons per minute. Aerators can lower faucet flow rates even more.

LEAKS



The average home can leak anywhere from 2,000 to 20,000 gallons of water each year. Not all leaks are as noticeable as a dripping faucet. Some may be inside the toilet, humidifier, pool or fountain, and even the water supply line to your home. Watch water consumption noted on monthly water bills for anything out of the ordinary.