



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Drinking Water Section

WATER SAVING OPTIONS

Activity	Normal	Gallons	Conservation Measure	Gallons	Savings of:
Shower	Water running	25	Wet Down, Soap up, Rinse	9	16 gallons
Brushing Teeth	Tap Running	10	Wet Brush, Rinse Briefly	½	9 ½ gallons
Bath	Full	35	Minimal (1/4 full)	10-12	25-27 gallons
Shaving	Tap Running	20	Partially Fill Sink Basin	1	19 gallons
Washing Dishes	Tap Running	30	Wash & Rinse in Partially Filled Sink Basin	5	25 gallons
Dishwasher	Full Cycle	16	Short Cycle	7	9 gallons
Washing Hands	Water running	2	Fill Sink Basin (or just to wet & rinse)	1	1 gallon
Toilet Flushing	Average	5-7	With tank displacement New toilet	3-6 2-3	1-2 gallons 3-4 gallons
Washing Machine	Full cycle, top water level	60	Short Cycle, Minimal Water	27	33 gallons
Outdoor Watering	Per minute	10	Hand Watering		
Leaky Faucet	1/32" leak	170/24 hrs.	Fix Leak	0	170/24 hrs.