



# WATER. TOO PRECIOUS TO WASTE.

# INDOORS

Typical Indoor Water use for a family of four:

- Toilet flushing 40%
- Showers and baths 32%
- Laundry 14%
- Dishwashing 6%
- Cooking and drinking 5%
- Bathroom sink 3%

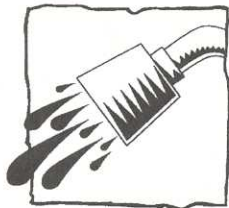
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## 10 Tips for Efficient Indoor Water Use

*Toilets account for the largest percentage of indoor water use.*



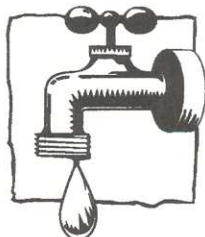
- ① Check for toilet leaks by placing a dye tablet or food coloring in the tank and looking for the color to appear in the bowl. Toilet leaks can be silent wasters of more than 50 gallons of water per day.
- ② Use less water per flush by installing a low flow toilet or by putting something in the toilet tank to take up space, such as a jar or plastic bag of water.
- ③ Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. Each cigarette butt, tissue or bug you flush wastes 5 to 7 gallons of water.



*Showers and baths are the second largest indoor use of water.*

- ④ Take shorter showers and save as much as 5-10 gallons per minute.
- ⑤ Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.

*In the kitchen and laundry:*



- ⑥ Wash full loads in your washing machine and dishwasher.
- ⑦ When washing dishes by hand or cleaning vegetables, don't leave the faucet running.
- ⑧ Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator to avoid running gallons of water down the drain to get a cold drink.
- ⑨ Install a water saving faucet aerator.
- ⑩ Check faucets and pipes for leaks. Even the smallest drip can waste 20 gallons per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.