

Some water facts...

Here's where your water is going:



Think water.
Every drop counts!

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Water Use and Conservation

Indoor Water Consumption



A faucet drip or toilet leak can add up to 4 liters of water per day, or 400 liters of water a week!

This can mean over 20 000 liters of water is wasted in a single year.

How do we measure up?

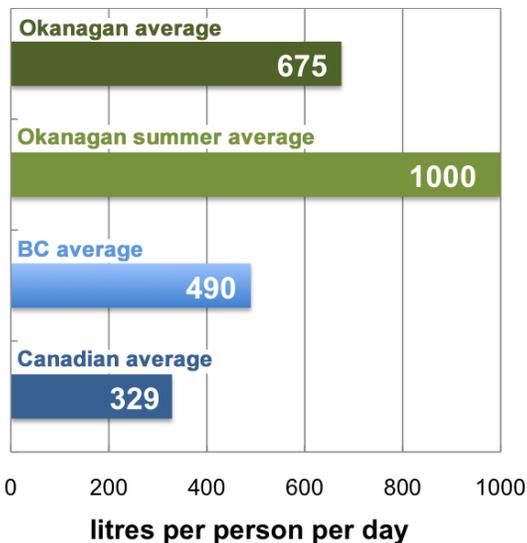


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How to *save water* in your home

IN THE KITCHEN

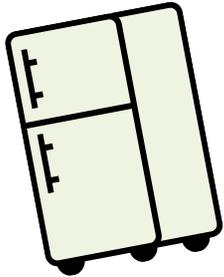
Fill your dishwasher

Since your dishwasher uses the same amount of water whether it is full or not, make sure to completely fill it! Some dishwashers even have a water saving cycle.



Defrost food in the fridge

Plan ahead and defrost frozen food in the fridge overnight, not under running water.



Store water in the fridge

Keep a covered jug of water in the fridge all the time. This way you don't need to run the tap until the water is cold. Running a tap wastes 20-28 liters per minute (LPM).



IN THE BATHROOM

Check for leaky toilets

At least once a year, check toilets for leaks. Remove the tank lid and add a few drops of food coloring. After 15 minutes, check the toilet bowl—if you see color in the bowl then you have a leak! Check the flapper valve regularly as it can be a source of leaks.

Install low flow showerheads

Low flow showerheads deliver 10 LPM. Older shower heads deliver 20-28 LPM— over twice as much!

Take shorter showers or have a small bath

Showers only use less water than baths if they are quick.

The average time a Canadian spends in the shower is about 8 minutes (and since this is an average, some are spending much more). That's between 80 liters – 224 liters a shower! Cut that time down by turning off the tap when sudsing up.

If you want a bath, only fill it about 1/4 full.



Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth

Remember that a running tap wastes 20-28 LPM, and if you're brushing for 2 minutes twice a day, that's about 700 liters a week!



IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM

Select the proper water level for your laundry

Unlike the dishwasher, most laundry machines let you control the water level. Select the appropriate level to conserve water and wash the appropriate amount of clothes—if you overload it you may need to rewash your clothes and use more water instead of saving it.

Upgrade your laundry room

New front loading washing machines save 1/3 more water than older top loading machines. Also, energy savings of high efficiency washers are estimated to be around 50% per load.



The average Canadian uses 120,000L of water each year!

Having a hard time picturing how much water that really is? Try and imagine how much space **30,000** 4L milk jugs might take up!

