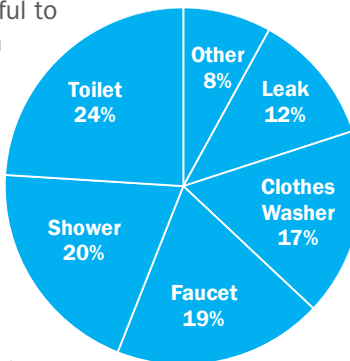




# SAVE WATER. SAVE MONEY.

## HOW MUCH WATER DO WE USE?

Saving water (and money) is always in season. But to save water, it's helpful to first understand how much water you use and where. This chart shows how the typical American family uses water indoors.



### COMING SOON!

**Be on the lookout for an Outdoor Conservation Toolkit coming in March!**

Every household is different. To help our customers understand their water use, we're partnering with the Alliance for Water Efficiency to develop an online water use calculator. This tool will allow you to input water use information specific to your household and will offer tips on where you can save water and energy based on that data. We'll keep you posted, but in the meantime, we've pulled together a few helpful tips on ways to save water and money indoors this winter!



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## CHECK & FIX LEAKS

Small household leaks can add up to gallons of water lost every day. Not fixing a leaky toilet or faucet is like throwing money down the drain. Check your plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems periodically for leaks. And, if you find any, fix them!

### Check for Toilet Leaks

Leaky toilets can easily go unnoticed. Here's a simple way to check if your toilet is leaking:

- Remove the lid from your toilet tank, and drop a small amount of food coloring into the tank.
- Wait 10-20 minutes. If food coloring appears in the bowl, repairs may need to be made or the flapper valve adjusted. If you hear water running, it may mean that water is running over the overflow tube in the tank. This too should be fixed.



## IN THE KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

- Run only full loads in your dishwasher.
- Before washing dishes by hand or in the dishwasher, scrape them; don't rinse first.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the fridge instead of letting the tap run until the water is cool.
- Install water-saving showerheads and shorten your shower time to five minutes.
- Turn off the water while shaving or brushing teeth.

## IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM

- Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate load size selection.
- Look for appliances with load size adjustments. Consider purchasing EnergyStar™ rated washing machines. They use less water and energy per load.

## PREPARE FOR SPRING

**Take control of your lawn.** Over watering wastes money and water. Plus, it can actually be worse for your lawn than under watering! For tips on conserving water outdoors, visit [newyorkamwater.com](http://newyorkamwater.com).