

### Calculate Your Water Use

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Full loads	10	Full loads	4
Eat off dirty dishes	8	Eat off dirty dishes	3
<b>Shower</b>	<b>Water Use</b>	<b>Shower</b>	<b>Water Use</b>
None	100	None	37
5 min. showers	80	5 min. showers	30
3 min. showers	48	3 min. showers	18
<b>Toilet</b>	<b>Water Use</b>	<b>Toilet</b>	<b>Water Use</b>
<b>None</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>26</b>
4 flushes per day	72	4 flushes per day	20
3 flushes per day	54	3 flushes per day	15
2 flushes per day	36	2 flushes per day	11
<b>Faucet</b>	<b>Water Use</b>	<b>Faucet</b>	<b>Water Use</b>
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Wash quicker	72	Wash quicker	36
Stop washing hands	48	Stop washing hands	24
<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Water Use</b>	<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Water Use</b>
None	48	None	42
Brown at edges	39	Brown at edges	34
Half brown	25	Half brown	24
Code enforcement	19	Code enforcement	17
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## Toilet

### Water Use

Standard toilets use 4.5 gallons per flush  
For a family of four, the toilets use 90 gallons of water  
Each person averages five flushes per day

### Why You Need the Water

Toilets use water to move human waste through the sewer system

### Your Water Use

90 Gallons = Flush your toilet as needed  
72 Gallons = Use "if it's yellow let it mellow, if it's brown, flush it down" sometimes  
54 Gallons = Use "if it's yellow let it mellow, if it's brown, flush it down" always  
36 Gallons or Less = one smelly bathroom

## Toilet *Retrofit*

**\$400.00**

### Water Use

Efficient toilets use 1.28 gallons per flush  
For a family of four, the toilets use 90 gallons of water  
Each person averages five flushes per day

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# Shower

## Water Use

Standard showerheads use 4.5 gallons per minute  
For a family of four, showers use 100 gallons of water  
Total shower time averages 25 minutes per day

## Why You Need the Water

Showers help you stay clean!

## Your Behavior and Water Usage

<i>Behavior Change</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Water Usage</i>
None	Shower as usual, about six minutes	100 Gallons
Limit length or switch to shower every other day	Showers are five minutes	80 Gallons
Severely limit length – get wet, scrub, and rinse. Make sure to turn off the water while you scrub.	Showers are three minutes	48 Gallons



# Shower Retrofit

**\$60.00**

## Water Use

Standard showerheads use 1.5 gallons per minute  
For a family of four, showers use 37 gallons of water  
Total shower time averages 25 minutes per day

## Why You Need the Water

Showers help you stay clean!

## Your Behavior and Water Usage

<i>Behavior Change</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Water Usage</i>
None	Shower as usual, about six minutes	37 Gallons
Limit length or switch to shower every other day	Showers are five minutes	30 Gallons
Severely limit length – get wet, scrub, and rinse. Make sure to turn off the water while you scrub.	Showers are three minutes	18 Gallons



# Faucet

## Water Use

On average, a standard faucet runs at three gallons per minute. A family of four uses about 35 minutes each day, totaling 105 gallons.

## Why You Need the Water

Faucets are used for a bunch of reasons: cooking, washing hands, brushing teeth, cleaning dishes, and plain ol' taking a drink.

## Your Behavior and Water Usage

<i>Behavior Change</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Water Usage</i>
None	Using as much water as you want at any time	105 Gallons
You do some things quicker and you don't let the water run when not in use	Water use is down to six gallons per person per day	72 Gallons
You don't wash your hands as frequently, you decrease teeth brushing time by half	Water use is down to four gallons per person per day	48 Gallons



# Faucet Retrofit

**\$15.00**

## Water Use

Installing an aerator slows the flow of water in half - to just 1.5 gallons per minute! Now your family uses only 53 gallons per day.

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You don't wash your hands as frequently, you decrease teeth brushing time by half	Water use is down to four gallons per person per day	24 Gallons



# Clothes Washer

## Water Use

A family of four does about two loads of wash per day. The average washer uses 40 gallons per load, so the family washer uses 80 gallons each day.

## Why You Need the Water

The washer keeps your clothes clean and smelling good.

## Your Behavior and Water Usage

<i>Behavior Change</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Water Usage</i>
None	You wear newly washed clothes every day	80 Gallons
Wash only full loads and use your bath towels more than once	You wear newly washed clothes but your towel may still be a bit damp when you use it	57 Gallons
You're wearing some clothes more than once before washing	Your gym clothes don't smell great	40 Gallons
All of your clothes are worn multiple times	You're developing a distinct odor	34 Gallons

# Clothes Washer Retrofit

**\$700.00**

## Water Use

You've installed a high-efficiency clothes washer to save some water and energy, too. A high efficiency washer uses 13 gallons per load, nearly a 50% reduction! Your two loads each day uses 26 gallons.

## Why You Need the Water

The washer keeps your clothes clean and smelling good.

## Your Behavior and Water Usage

<i>Behavior Change</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Water Usage</i>
None	You wear newly washed clothes every day	26 Gallons
Wash only full loads and use your bath towels more than once	You wear newly washed clothes but your towel may still be a bit damp when you use it	18 Gallons
You're wearing some clothes more than once before washing	Your gym clothes don't smell great	13 Gallons
All of your clothes are worn multiple times	You're developing a distinct odor	11 Gallons



# Dishwasher

## Water Use

A family of four does about one load of dishes each day. Each load uses 14 gallons of water.

## Why You Need the Water

Washing your dirty dishes in a dishwasher cleans and sanitizes them.

## Your Behavior and Water Usage

<i>Behavior Change</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Water Usage</i>
None	Dishwasher is run every day without being totally full	14 Gallons
You wash only full loads	Dishes are sparkling clean and you've got great loading technique	10 Gallons
Sometimes you eat off of dirty dishes	Once in a while your food tastes strange, and you're not sure if this is sanitary	8 Gallons

# Dishwasher Retrofit

**\$600.00**

## Water Use

Installing a high-efficiency dishwasher reduces your water need to 5 gallons per load!

## Why You Need the Water

Washing your dirty dishes in a dishwasher cleans and sanitizes them.

## Your Behavior and Water Usage

<i>Behavior Change</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Water Usage</i>
None	Dishwasher is run every day without being totally full	5 Gallons
You wash only full loads	Dishes are sparkling clean and you've got great loading technique	4 Gallons
Sometimes you eat off of dirty dishes	Once in a while your food tastes strange, and you're not sure if this is sanitary	3 Gallons



# Landscape

## Water Use

A standard 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> landscape needs 48 gallons of water

## Why You Need the Water

Watering keeps your landscape healthy, maintains the soil, and prevents erosion. Oh, and it makes your landscape look good, too.

## Your Behavior and Water Usage

<i>Behavior Change</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Water Usage</i>
None	Your landscape is green and growing	48 Gallons
Limit the time you leave your irrigation system on	Grass is beginning to turn brown around the edges	34 Gallons
Limit the time you leave your irrigation system on and turn it on less frequently	Grass is half brown AND Aurora Code Enforcement gives you a warning	25 Gallons
Severely limit time and frequency; you're practically starving your yard	Aurora Code Enforcement takes you to court	19 Gallons



# Landscape Retrofit

**\$500.00**

## Water Use

You retrofitted 250 ft<sup>2</sup> of your yard with water efficient landscaping, a.k.a. xeriscape. Now your entire yard needs only 42 gallons of water

## Why You Need the Water

Watering keeps your landscape healthy, maintains the soil, and prevents erosion. Oh, and it makes your landscape look good, too.

## Your Behavior and Water Usage

<i>Behavior Change</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Water Usage</i>
None	Your landscape is green and growing	42 Gallons
Limit the time you leave your irrigation system on	Your xeriscape is doing okay, but not your lawn	34 Gallons
Limit the time you leave your irrigation system on and turn it on less frequently	New plants die AND Aurora Code Enforcement gives you a warning	24 Gallons
Severely limit time and frequency; you're practically starving your yard	Aurora Code Enforcement takes you to court	17 Gallons

