

Water Consumption and Conservation Tips

*Each household is allowed 8 units of water a month to stay within the base water rate of \$37.75

*1 unit of water is approximately 750 gallons of water, therefore a household is allowed approximately 6000 gallons of water a month before excessive water usage charges are accrued.

*If a household goes over the allowed 8 units, there will be a charge of \$5.75 for **each** unit after the allowed 8.

You cannot compare your bill with surrounding neighbors bills as they may not consume the same amount of water as your household.

***Keep in mind that during the hot summer season it is normal to consume more water than in the cooler time of the year. Depending on the household, during summer we water our lawns more, fill our pools, use swamp coolers and also may take more than one shower a day.*

Here is an example of approximately how much water is consumed with the following:

Inside Activity

-**Flushing a toilet:** 5 to 7 gallons per flush
-**Taking a shower:** 7 to 10 gallons per minute
-**Filling a bath tub:** 36 to 50 gallons
-**Full load of laundry:** 60 gallons per load
-**Dishwasher:** 15 gallons per normal load
-**Washing dishes by hand:** 30 gallons w/tap running
-**Shaving:** 20 gallons w/tap running
-**Brushing teeth:** 10 gallons w/tap running
-**Washing hands:** 2 gallons

Outside Activity

-**watering with 1/2 inch hose/pipe:** 630 gallons per hour
-**watering with 5/8 inch hose/pipe:** 1,020 gallons per hour
-**watering with 3/4 inch hose/pipe:** 1,860 gallons per hour

Water Conservation Tips

- Beware of your faucets and toilets as they can really waste a lot of water. Leaking toilets can leak out hundreds of gallons of water per day.
- Take shorter showers, and turn off water while shaving or brushing your teeth.
- Use your dishwasher only when completely full. When doing dishes by hand, use wash and rinse bins rather than running water.
- Run washing machine with full loads, or match your water level to load size.
- Only water your lawns when it really needs it. Water during the morning or evenings to avoid excessive evaporation. Use mulch around shrubs to save moisture, and use drought-tolerant and native plants.

WATERING DAYS: (PLEASE NOTE, THERE IS NO WATERING BETWEEN 10:00 A.M AND 7:00 P.M.)

Addresses ending in even #'s (0,2,4,6,8): Tuesdays & Saturdays

Addresses ending in odd #'s (1,3,5,7,9): Wednesdays & Sundays