

## Water Facts

Less than 1% of the earth's water supply is fresh and available for human consumption. There is no "new" water, so please do what you can to conserve our precious resource.

The average Gridley resident uses about 200 gallons of water per day. During the hottest months in July and August, local residents use 1000 gallons per day. A large portion of this amount is used for outdoor irrigation.

Every day in our city, we consume a total average of about 2.1 million gallons. Every day in the United States, we drink about 110 million gallons of water.

Nearly one-half of the world's population lacks access to clean water for sanitation, drinking and other human needs.

The act of showering and bathing accounts for one of the largest uses (27%) of water domestically.

You can save up to five gallons every day by turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth. A leaky faucet can waste 100 gallons a day.

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By simply changing some of your habits, you can help conserve water

### Some common water uses:

Activity	Typical Use	When You Conserve
Showers:	3-7 gallons per minute	under 2.5 gallons per minute
Toilet Flush:	5-7 gallons per flush	"low consumption" or "ultra-low flush" - 1.6 gallons or less per flush
Tub Bath:	filled completely: 60 gallons	minimal water 20-30 gallons
Washing Hands:	with tap running: 10	fill basin: 1 gallon

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Brushing Teeth:	with tap running: 10 gallons	wet brush, rinse briefly: 1/2 gallon or less
Shaving:	with tap running: 20 gallons	fill basin: 1 gallon
Washing Machine:	full water level: 40-60 gallons	"tumble efficient" washer: 25 gallons
Automatic Dishwasher:	full cycle: 15 gallons	short cycle: 11 gallons

## **What You Can Do To Conserve**

### **In the bathroom:**

Replace your old showerhead with a good-quality, high-efficiency showerhead.

Check for and repair leaks in your pipes, faucets and toilets.

Don't use your toilet as a wastebasket.

Use a fill cycle regulator to decrease the fill of water into your bowl.

### **In the kitchen & laundry:**

Only run your dishwasher and washing machines when they are full.

Instead of running the faucet to wait for cold water, fill a pitcher of water with drinking water and store it in your refrigerator.

### **In the great outdoors:**

When washing your car, use soap and water from a bucket. Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle for the final rinse only.

Use a broom instead of water from a hose to clean your driveway.

Landscape with plants that require low water consumption.

Water your lawn no more than every third day, and only during the cool time of the day in the morning or evening.

Adjust the sprinklers so only the lawn and plants are being watered, not your house, the sidewalk or the street.