

The average Pennsylvanian uses about 62 gallons of water a day at a cost of about 30 cents a day:



20+ gallons a day flushing the toilet.

Install a low-flow toilet, reducing each flush to 1.6 gallons a flush or about 8 gallons of water per person, per day on average.

Put a gallon plastic jug of water or a commercial dam to cut down on the amount of water needed for each flush.



4 gallons each time you brush your teeth.

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.



3+ gallons per minute when showering (the average shower lasts 8 minutes totaling 24 gallons).

Take shorter showers.

Install a low-flow shower head.



12 gallons for washing your hands, drinking or other activities.

Turn the water off while lathering your hands.







Be Water Wise



12 gallons per load (the average home uses the dishwasher 5 times a week totaling 60 gallons).

Run the dishwasher only when you have a full load.

Water-efficient dishwashers use about 7 gallons of water totaling 35 gallons a week.



50 gallons per load (the average home does 7 loads a week totaling 350 gallons).

Wash clothes only when you have a full load or be sure the setting reflects the size of the load.

Front load washers use about 27 gallons per load totaling 189 gallons.



The average home loses about 10 gallons of water per person a day.



A faucet that drips once every second wastes about 10 gallons of water a day.



Watering the lawn takes about 180 gallons of water.

30 percent of the water used on the East Coast goes to watering lawns.



Water used in washing the car:

At home in driveway - 116 gallons; Self-serve car wash - 16.2 gallons; and Average automatic car wash - about 38 gallons.

