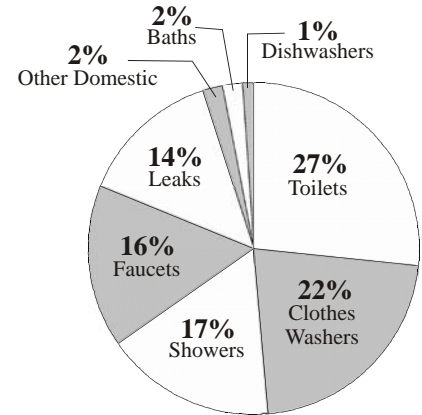




WESTMINSTER

Water Facts

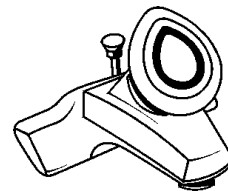
- The average customer uses about 150 gallons per day per person.
- A leak of one drip per second wastes 3,154 gallons per year.
- A trickle of 1/16-inch diameter wastes 186,624 gallons of water a year at a cost of \$531.81
- More than half of the water used over a year is used to irrigate the landscape.
- Healthy bluegrass requires about 2 ½ feet of water (18 gallons) per square foot applied per year.
- On average, only about 15 inches of rain fall on Westminster in a year.
- Westminster currently supplies about 9 billion gallons of water to its customers in a year.



Water use by the average home.

Water Use Efficiency Tips

- Check for leaks. Turn off all water appliances and check your water meter. If it is running, you may have a leak.
- Take short showers.
- Turn water off while brushing teeth and shaving.
- Turn off faucets in public places.
- Don't use your toilet as a trash bin.
- Fix toilet leaks. Place food coloring in the tank and if the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes, you have a leak.
- Close the bathtub drain before turning on the water. You will probably add some cold water anyway.



- Install low-flow aerators on all faucets.
- Install low-flow showerheads.
- Install low-flow toilets.



- Chill drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the faucet until the water is cold.

- Size your washing machine water level to the load.



- Replace your old washer with a water efficient model.

- Run your dishwasher when full.

- Don't pre-rinse dishes. Most dishwashers don't need it.

- Collect water run through pipes until the hot water arrives and use on indoor and outdoor plants.

- Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of using a hose.



- Fix leaky hoses.

- Always use a hose nozzle instead of an open-end hose.

- Collect rain from gutters to use in the garden.

- Use 2 - 3 inches of mulch in flowerbeds to maintain soil moisture and reduce watering requirements.

- Choose plants with low water requirements.

- Install efficient irrigation systems, such as drip irrigation or soaker hoses.

- Use sprinklers that emit large drops of water to reduce evaporation and wind over spray.

- Use a bucket of water instead of the hose when washing your car.

- Visit www.h2ouse.org for more information on saving water at home.