



Understanding water use

If your bill seems high, here are some possible causes...



Your bill includes information about your water consumption for the past 12 months. Does the consumption seem normal compared to the previous quarter or the same quarter last year?



Has the amount of water you've been using changed? Have you had houseguests for an extended period of time? On average, a person uses 40-80 gallons of water per day.



During the summer months, watering your lawn more frequently is the most common reason a bill can be high. Running your sprinkler for just one hour can use 400 gallons of water. If you use a hose to water, did you forget to go back outside and turn it off?



There could be a leaking faucet or a running toilet in your home. The average leaking toilet can waste up to 18,000 gallons a quarter (24 units). Toilet leaks are often silent and can be intermittent, allowing loss of water to go undetected for long periods of time.



Water softeners that aren't programmed correctly can also cycle hundreds of gallons per day. If you're using more salt than normal, you may need to reprogram your softener.

Leak Detection

- Test your toilet with a colorant (food coloring, grape juice, etc.). Pour colorant into tank of toilet, replace lid and do not flush. After two hours, check the toilet bowl. If the water in the toilet bowl has changed colors, then you likely have a leak.
- The Public Works Department is available to check meter functions. Call 847-6460 to schedule.

Indoor household use by fixture*

Fixture	Gallons Per Day	Percentage
Toilet	32.6	24%
Faucet	27	20%
Shower	26.9	20%
Clothes Washer	22	16%
Leak	17.8	13%
Bath	4.4	3%
Other	4	3%
Dishwasher	2.2	2%

*According to the Water Research Foundation

Here's how we can help

Call 847-6460 for billing or usage questions.
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