

Calling all YOUNG WATER WARRIORS

You use water every day. You drink it, use it to brush your teeth, and to take a shower or bath. How else do you use water?



NAME THREE MORE WAYS YOU USE WATER DURING THE DAY:

- 1
- 2
- 3

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE!

There are many places in the home that we get water. Count to see how many of each are in your home.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> toilets | <input type="checkbox"/> washing machines | <input type="checkbox"/> bathtubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sinks | <input type="checkbox"/> dishwashers | <input type="checkbox"/> icemakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> showers | <input type="checkbox"/> garden hoses | |



PLAY / SPY FOR DRIPPING WATER

To play: Look around the house for dripping water. Don't forget to look up! If you see water dripping from a faucet, tighten the handle. If it keeps dripping, you have what is called a **leak**. Leaks allow water to go down the drain or onto the floor when we don't want it to. Tell an adult any time you spot a leak to help save water.

Want more water conservation resources?

Visit ThinkAtTheSink.com or call us at 706-613-3729.

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Get WaterSmart – a free online tool to track your water use, set up leak alerts, and more:



For more info, visit accgov.com/WaterSmart

A Family Guide to Water Use

HOME WATER ASSESSMENT

Use this do-it-yourself water assessment to find out:



if your household is **WATER SMART**



if your fixtures & appliances are **WATER EFFICIENT**



how you can use **LESS WATER**



WATER WORKS
today, tomorrow, for life



How water efficient is your home?

An adequate water supply is vital to our economy, health, environment, and fire protection. Join the thousands of Athenians who have embraced wise water use as a daily habit to protect our water resources. Conduct a home water assessment to discover how much water you use in your home, then choose to be a Water Warrior.

1 WHAT IS YOUR WATER USE?

To learn how much water you use in a typical day, look at your most recent water bill and follow these three steps. Want to save a step? Visit your free WaterSmart account to see your gallons used per day for the last month and enter the number into Step 2.

Do you need a WaterSmart account? Get started at: accgov.com/WaterSmart

1. FIND YOUR MONTHLY WATER USE.

Locate "Usage (x 1000 gallons)" and multiply the number by 1,000 and enter into (A).



Total Usage x 1,000 =

A monthly water use

2. CALCULATE YOUR GALLONS PER DAY.

Convert your monthly use to daily use by dividing (A) by the "Days in Billing Cycle" number and enter into (B).



A ÷ Billing Days =

B daily water use

3. CALCULATE YOUR GALLONS PER PERSON.

Divide your daily use (B) by the number of people in your home and enter into (C).



B ÷ Family Members =

C per person daily use

Compare your usage to other Athenians!

WINTER SUMMER GALLONS PER PERSON PER DAY

< 50 50–80 **Water Warrior** Way to go! Share your water-efficient ways with friends and neighbors.



50–70 81–99 **Water Wise** You use the average amount of water for Athens.



>70 >100 **A Biggest User** See our tips for conserving more water!



2 CHECK. TWIST. REPLACE

CHECK YOUR PIPES. Water marks on floors, walls, or ceilings can indicate indoor pipe leaks. Common locations for leaky pipes are under the sink in your kitchen or bathroom. Check hose connections in the laundry room. Remember to inspect outdoor pipes. Tighten and replace as needed.



CHECK YOUR TOILETS. Leaky toilets waste hundreds of gallons of water a day. Check for toilet leaks by putting drops of food coloring or dye tablets in the tank. Wait 15 minutes without flushing the toilet. If color enters the bowl, you have a leak. Adjusting the floating arm or replacing a flapper often fixes this leak.



CHECK YOUR FAUCETS. Check faucets for drips. Sometimes the fix is as simple as tightening the handle. Other faucet repairs include replacing an inexpensive washer or valve seal. Drips add up quickly, so replace as soon as possible.



CHECK YOUR BILL OR YOUR WATERSMART ACCOUNT. If your water usage or bill spikes suddenly, there is a good chance you have a leak. Locate your outdoor water meter. If you see a flashing or continuous faucet icon on the meter display, you have a suspected leak.



Tip: You can sign up for leak alerts on your WaterSmart account.

Visit ThinkAtTheSink.com for help locating and repairing leaks and a video explaining how to use your meter to find leaks.

3 BE A WATER WARRIOR!

RUN ONLY FULL LOADS. Make sure the load is full when you run a clothes washer or dishwasher. Washing half-loads is inefficient and wastes water.

TURN IT OFF. Water-efficient people turn off the water while brushing their teeth, shaving, cooking, or washing dishes. Simply put some water in the sink and rinse as needed.

DESIGN A BLUE LAWN. Shrink your lawn by adding rocks and mulch to create a unique and eye-catching landscape. Install drought-resistant and native plants to add a burst of color and reduce the need for watering. When you must water, check your sprinkler's aim and "spray away from the gray" – your sidewalk doesn't grow when watered, only your water bill!

USE YOUR WATER SENSE. EPA WaterSense labeled products use less water, while providing the same power and performance as standard models. Installing WaterSense helps conserve water, energy, and money.



Look for the WaterSense label when replacing your appliances and fixtures.