CHECK IT OUT:  BATHROOM BASICS

Use this worksheet to find how water is used at home in the bathroom and begin to practice saving today. Have a parent help you do the survey and flow test.

MY WATER USE HABITS

1. I usually turn off the water when I brush my teeth.
   yes □ no □

2. I get rid of waste in the wastebasket instead of the toilet.
   yes □ no □

3. I put the plug in the sink when I wash my face and hands.
   yes □ no □

4. I take showers of five minutes or less.
   yes □ no □

5. I take baths with the tub half full or less.
   yes □ no □

TAKE A GUESS?

I think it will take _____ seconds to fill a half-gallon carton from a faucet.

HOME BATHROOM SURVEY

We have _____ bathrooms in our house. There are _____ sinks with _____ faucets, _____ showers, _____ bathtubs and _____ toilets. I found _____ dripping faucets. I found we have _____ showers and _____ toilets that save water.

I tested the shower or bath, and found that it took _____ seconds to fill a half-gallon carton. I think I use _____ gallons to take a shower or bath.

BATHROOM WATER SAVING TIPS

- When you brush your teeth, wet your brush, turn off; then back on to rinse.
- Put a plug in the sink or bathtub when you use water to wash up.
- Take short showers of less than five minutes.
- Use a half tub of water; the rest is waste.
- Don’t use the toilet for a wastebasket.
- Help your parents put in water saving devices in faucets, showers and toilets.