How water is used inside most homes
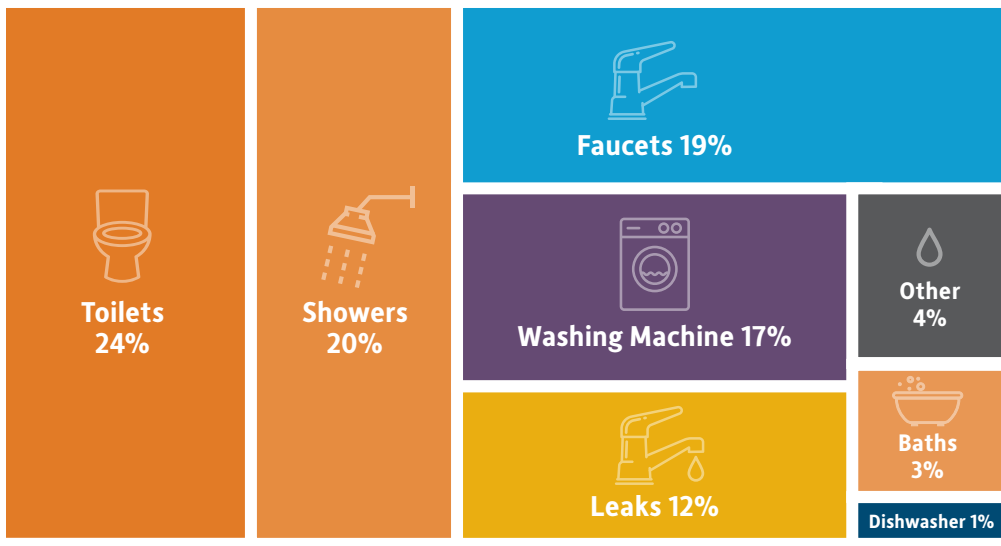
Toilets 24%

Showers 20%

Faucets 19%

Washing Machine 17%

Other 4%

Leaks 12%

Baths 3%

Dishwasher 1%

Welcome to your watershed!

Look inside for tips and tools from your water utility.

Water is a precious, shared resource.

Even though our region is known for rain, each year we have a 'summer crunch' when water use is high and rainfall is low. Each gallon we save stays in our rivers and lakes to sustain salmon, wildlife, and future generations.

The Saving Water Partnership is an organization comprised of 19 water utilities (including yours!) that are connected to a common drinking water source. When we work together to use water wisely, it adds up to make a big difference.
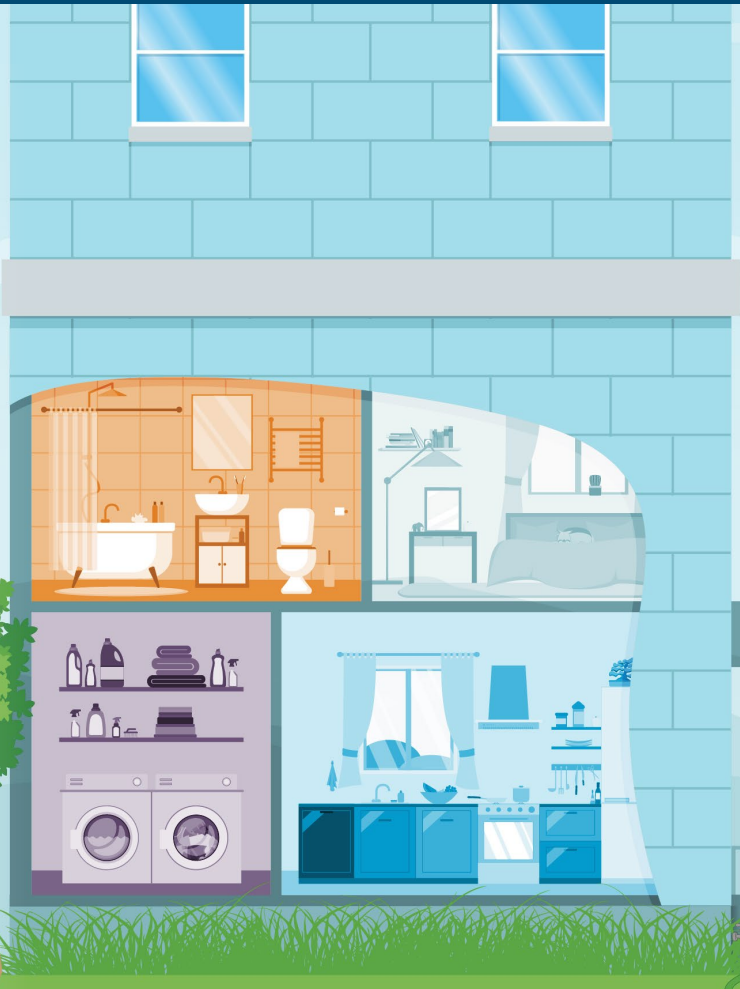
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Make a difference. Use water wisely.

Tips for a water-wise start in your new home

Everyday actions save water.

- **If you have a dishwasher, use it!** Washing by hand typically uses more water.

- **Shorten your shower.** Save 2 gallons for every minute you shave off your shower.

- **Run full loads.** Wait to run your washing machine or dishwasher until it's full.

- **Use a broom.** Sweep to clean patios and sidewalks instead of using a hose or power washer.

- **Don't walk away while waiting for hot water.** It's easy to lose track of time and leave the water running.

Healthy plants need less water.

- **Build better soil with compost and mulch.** Add compost in the spring or fall and cover bare soil with 3 inches of mulch.

- **Let the top few inches of soil dry before watering again.** Doing so prevents disease and is good for soil life.

- **Water outdoors in the morning or evening to minimize evaporation.**

Report leaks & running toilets to your property manager right away.

- **Running toilets are the top source of leaks.** If your toilet makes noise between flushes or if you have to jiggle the handle, you have a leak.

Sound familiar? Listen to the sound a typical running toilet makes.

- **Dripping faucets and showerheads add up.** Just one drop every 2 seconds wastes more than 1,000 gallons per year.

- **Sprinkler systems can leak too.** Report broken sprinkler heads, unexplained soggy areas on the ground, or sprinklers running in the rain.

Visit **savingwater.org** to learn more.