

Fact Sheet



How on Earth Do You Save Water?



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<i>Activity</i>	<i>Normal Use</i>	<i>Conservation Use</i>
Flushing	Depends on tank size 5-7 gallons	Displacement bottles in tank 4 gallons
Showering	Water running 25 gallons	Wet down, soap down with water, rinse 4 gallons
Bathing	Tub Full 30 gallons	Minimal water level 10-12 gallons
Shaving	Tap running 15 gallons	Plug and fill basin 1 gallon
Brushing Teeth	Tap Running 5 gallons	Wet brush, turn water off, rinse ½ gallon
Washing Hands or Face	Tap Running 2 gallons	Plug and Fill Basin 1 gallon
Drinking	Run Water to Cool 1 gallon	Keep Water in Refrigerator 8 ounces
Cleaning Vegetables	Tap Running 3 gallons	Fill Pan with Water to Clean Vegetables ½ gallon
Dishwasher	Full Cycle 16 gallons	Short cycle 5 gallons
Dishes by Hand	Tap Running 30 gallons	Wash and Rinse in Dishpan or Sink 5 gallons
Washing Clothes	Full Cycle, Top Water Level 60 gallons	Short Cycle, Minimal Water Level 27 gallons

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