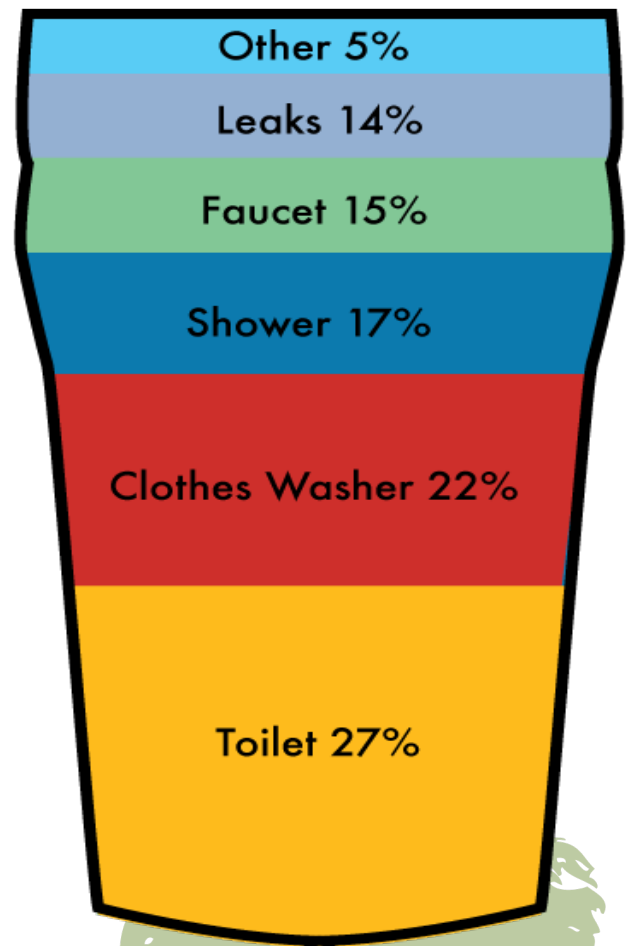


What You Can Do

- **Monitor your water bill** for unusually high use, which can help you discover leaks.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two = saving up to **150 gallons per month**.
- When washing dishes by hand, **don't let the water run** while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when full= saving up to **1,000 gallons a month**.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it = saving up to **1,000 gallons a month**.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead = savings up to **750 gallons a month**.

Fun Facts

- If all U.S. households installed water-saving features, water use would **decrease by 30% = 5.4 billion gallons per day** saving **\$11.3 million per day** or **\$4 billion per year**.
- Water-conserving fixtures installed in U.S. households in 1998 have **saved 44 million gallons** of water every day = **\$33.6 million savings per year**.
- Household water use (including outdoor): **127,400 gallons per year**.
- Dripping faucets waste **~2,000 gallons of water each year**. Leaky toilets waste **200+ gallons each day**.
- **~25 gallons** of water are needed to produce 1 lb. of wheat.
- **~5,214 gallons** of water are needed to produce 1 lb. of beef.



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