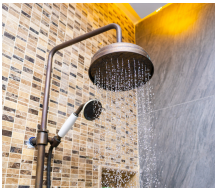
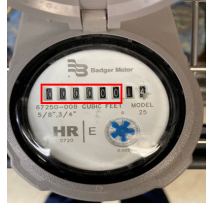


# Understanding your Indoor Water Use

## Water Bill

Your water bill is in units of HCF (hundred cubic feet) and you can read usage in these units from your City water meter.

1 HCF = 748 gallons



## How many gallons should you use in a day?

When looking at household water use, normal indoor use includes bathing (showers and bathtubs), toilets, faucets, washing machines, and dishwashers.

The current statewide median for indoor use is **48 gallons per person per day**.



## Personal Daily Total

With **older** fixtures and appliances

With **newer** fixtures and appliances

Shower	20 gals	18 gals
Toilet	15 gals	6.4 gals
Faucets	11 gals	6 gals
Washing Machine	16 gals	5.1 gals
Dishwasher	15 gals	3.5 gals
<b>TOTAL INDOOR</b>	<b>77 GALLONS</b>	<b>39 GALLONS</b>

**You fall into the "newer fixtures" category if your toilet was installed after 2015, if you have a front-loading washing machine, and if your dishwasher is less than 15 years old.**

## What can you do to save water?

Switch to new water fixtures and take advantage of rebates on water-efficient appliances. They will pay for themselves over time!



To calculate your water use, scan the QR code!

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# Understanding your Outdoor Water Use

## How many gallons should you use in a day?


Outdoor use includes topping up a pool, jacuzzi, or running water features like a fountain, washing vehicles, and landscape irrigation.




Of all these uses, by far the largest use is irrigation.


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## Water Use

 **Pool filling:** Pools should be covered when not in use. Topping up a 15ft x 25ft pool with half an inch of water each week is **17 gals per day**.

 **Washing vehicles:** Not permitted at homes during drought.

 **Hand-held hose:** A garden hose with a spray nozzle typically puts out 3–5 gallons per minute. So, watering by hand for ten minutes uses about 40 gallons of water. That's as much as one tree needs for a month!

 **Trees:** Most trees common to this area require **7 - 10 gallons per week**. So, count the number of trees and multiply by 10 for a generous watering allocation.

 **Landscape irrigation:** Watering needs depend on the time of year. In summer, when temperatures and evaporation are high, non-native plants need as much as four times as much water as in December. The following table provides a guide of expected landscape water use in gallons per week under current drought restrictions (50% reduction). Scale the numbers according to your landscaped area:



Landscaped Area:	1,000 sqft	5,000 sqft
Jan. - March	200 gals	1,000 gals
April - June	400 gals	2,000 gals
July - Sept.	450 gals	2,200 gals
Oct. - Dec.	200 gals	1,000 gals

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### Did you know?

Drought restrictions limit watering to one day per week using only drip irrigation (with a few exceptions). Most people do not realize that drip irrigation systems can put out a large volume of water. A single emitter can put out 300 gals in one hour.

### How many emitters are you using on each drip line?

