

Suspect an appliance is leaking?

Electronic leak sensors placed under major household appliances, such as dishwashers and washing machines alerts you as soon as water starts to collect underneath.



How to tell if you have a leak somewhere:

Make sure all your water outlets are turned off.

Check your water meter.

If it's still turning you have a leak.

To check for leaks in your toilets add food coloring to the toilet tank. Wait 20 minutes. If colored water appears in the toilet bowl, a leak is present. Flush promptly as food coloring will stain.

Check for leaking faucets or pipes (A leaking faucet can waste from 75 to 200 gallons of water in a week.) Check all faucets and pipes periodically. Watch for drips. Replace faulty parts.



Turning the supply on and off.

You may find it necessary to temporarily turn the water supply service off. There are typically two types of shut off valves. The lever style (Figure 3) is most common. Turning it parallel to the flow of water turns the flow on. Turning it perpendicular to the flow, turns the flow off. The sprocket type handle (Figure 4) operates by turning it clockwise to stop the flow or counter-clockwise to turn the flow on.

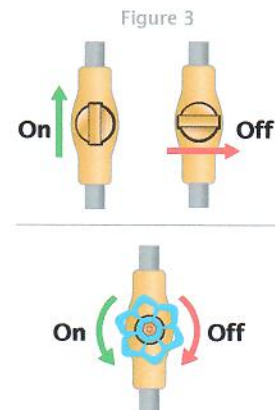


Figure 4

Typical water use

Indoors:

- Toilet flush, 1 to 8 gallons per flush
- Showering, 1.5 to 5 gallons per minute
- Bathtub, 30.4 to 50 gallons per full tub
- Washing machine, 45 to 50 gallons per cycle
- Dishwasher, 40 to 55 gallons per cycle
- Kitchen faucet, 2 to 3 gallons per minute
- Bathroom faucet, 2 to 3 gallons per minute

Outdoors:

- Car washing approximately 106 gallons per car
- Lawn watering 3 to 9.25 gallons per minute

