

Saving Water in the Bathroom

“About 75% of the water you consume each day is used in your bathroom,” said Raymond J. Raposa, executive director of the New England Water Works Association, the region’s oldest and largest organization of water works professionals.

So it’s especially important to conserve water in your bathroom any way you can.

Here are some simple but important steps you can take to save hundreds of gallons of water in your bathroom every day.

- **Look for and fix leaky faucets, pipes, showerheads, and plumbing fixtures.**
Even tiny drips from your faucet can waste about 100 gallons of water a day.
- **Check your toilet regularly for leaks.**
A leaky toilet can waste 100 gallons of water a day.
- **Retrofit or replace your toilet.**
Put displacement devices, such as weighted plastic bottles or toilet dams, in your tank. These devices could save thousands of gallons of water a year.
Do not put bricks in your toilet tank. They will disintegrate and harm your plumbing system.
Consider replacing your conventional 5-gallon per flush toilet with a more efficient 1.6 gallon per flush unit. You can permanently reduce your water consumption from toilet flushing by 25%.
- **Never use your toilet as a trash can.**
You waste gallons of water with each extra flush.
- **Turn off the faucet while you brush your teeth or shave.**
You can save four to ten gallons of water a day.
- **Take shorter showers.**
You can conserve five to ten gallons of water a minute.
- **Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.**
Low-flow showerheads can save 20 to 40 gallons of water during one 10-minute shower. A low-flow aerator can reduce faucet flow by about 25%
- **Close your tub drain before turning on the water.**
You can save at least three gallons of water per bath.
- **Fill your bath tub only half way.**
A full tub holds more than 50 gallons of water. You can save up to 25 gallons per bath by partially filling the tub.

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