

**consumer mailbag**

Q: Last summer my water bills were astronomical. How can I reduce them this summer?

A: The average family uses over 50 gallons of water per day according to the Detroit Water Department. How much of that amount is wasted depends on the use. If there are any leaks and water habits. Some ways to save water and reduce your bill:

**LEAKING FAUCETS:**  
Uses: 2-300 gallons per day.  
Check to make sure that all faucets are turned off completely after use. Check the washer insert for wear. Replace if worn.

**WASHING MACHINE, DISHWASHER:**  
Uses: 20-35 gallons per laundry load. 10-25 gallons per dishwasher load.  
Wash only full loads.  
Adjust washing machine water level to fit load size.

**DRINKING WATER:**  
Uses: Up to one gallon per drink (3-5 gallons per minute).  
Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator rather than running the water until it's cold.  
Use ice cubes to cool drinking water.  
Recycle leftover drinking water for watering houseplants, etc.



**Terry Gibb**

**HAND DISWASHING:**  
Uses: Uses 12-15 gallons per sinkful.  
Wash all dishes at one time, then rinse all at one time.  
Soak pots and pans in hot water while washing other dishes.  
Save greasy items until last.

**SHOWERS:**  
Uses: 5-10 gallons per minute.  
Purchase an expensive flow restrictor or faucet washer and install it to the shower head.  
Turn off water while soaping or shampooing.

**BRUSHING TEETH, SHAVING:**  
Uses: 2-5 gallons per minute.  
Turn off water while brushing or shaving.  
Use a cup of water to rinse mouth.  
Fill sink to rinse razor rather than running water.

**TOILET:**  
Uses: 4-7 gallons per flush.  
Reduce flushing — don't use toilet as a wastebasket!  
Add a plastic jug filled with water

and stones to the toilet tank to displace some of the water in the tank. (Do NOT use bricks.)

**CAR WASHING:**  
Uses: 10-200 gallons per wash.  
Use a bucket of soapy water to wash the car.  
Wash in sections and rinse.  
Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle.

**LAWN WATERING:**  
Uses: 5-10 gallons per minute.  
Water in early morning or late evening to decrease evaporation.  
Water slowly and thoroughly. Use sprinklers that spray low, broad drops that reduce evaporation into the air.  
Mow around trees and shrubs to hold moisture longer.  
Cut grass slightly longer to help hold moisture.

**BACKYARD POOLS:**  
Uses: Hundreds of gallons per season.  
Cover pool when not in use to prevent evaporation and reduce cleaning.

Clean the foot bath frequently to reduce pool debris. Use foot bath water around trees, bushes, lawns.  
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