

Bathrooms and water use

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The bathroom represents about 50% of your home's total indoor water use. The toilets alone account for 28% of your indoor water use.

Many older toilets use about 13 litres of water every time they are flushed. There are many 6-litre models now available and even some 4.8 litre per flush models, saving more than half of the water used by the big flush models.

A toilet that continues to run after flushing can waste up to 200,000 litres of water in a single year. That is enough water to fill a large in-ground swimming pool.

Some leaks cannot be seen or heard. Put some food colouring in the toilet tank and wait about 15 minutes. If the colour shows up in the bowl **without flushing**, you have a leak. A silent leak like this can waste up to 45 litres of water per hour. Repair the leak immediately.

Faucets: a steady drip can waste up to 55 litres of water in just 24 hours. Our building has some taps that have a steady, slow "run," not just a drip! Get these fixed, too.