

Do Your Part to Conserve Water

You can do your part to help conserve water and change wasteful habits. The average person uses about 100 gallons of water a day. A normal faucet in your home open all the way pours out 3 to 5 gallons of water a minute. To save water, turn off the water when brushing your teeth. If you let the water run, you waste 2 gallons of water. Take shorter showers; turn off the water when lathering up. Water your plants and lawn during the morning or evening to reduce waste by reducing evaporation. Fix leaky faucets and toilets. One leaky toilet can waste 20,000 gallons of water a year.

In Pickens County, wastewater charges are based on your monthly water usage.

Below are more tips on saving water:

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing.
- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is water and not the house, sidewalk or street.
- Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full and you could save 1,000 gallons a month
- Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk. This will save you 80 gallons of water every time.

- Change your showerhead to a more water efficient showerhead.
- When you shop for a new appliance, consider one offering cycle and load size adjustments. They are more energy-efficient than older appliances.
- Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You will save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Install low-volume toilets.
- Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and can save 140 gallons a week.
- Make sure you know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save gallons of water and damage to your home if a pipe were to burst.
- Wash your car on the grass. This will water your lawn at the same time.
- Use a hose nozzle and turn off the water while you wash your car. This will save more than 100 gallons.
- Turn off the water while you shave and you can save more than 100 gallons a week.

How Much Water are you Using?

<u>Source</u>	<u>Average Gallons Used Per Person</u>
Clothes Washer	15.4
Shower/Bath	10.5
Toilet	10
Faucets	15
Dishwasher	1.1

Total Indoor Water Use

53.5 Daily Use PP