

Saving Energy in the Bathroom

More than 45% of water use in the average American home occurs in the bathroom with 27% being used by toilets. Older toilets can use up to 7 gallons per flush.

FAUCETS -

- Turn off running water when shaving or brushing your teeth.
- Replace faucets with type limiting flow to 2.5 gallons per minute.
- Report any leaks immediately to management. A single dripping faucet can waste more water in a single day than one person needs for drinking in an entire week.
- Instead of running water each time you want a drink, keep a jug of cool water in your refrigerator.

SHOWERS -

- Replace showerheads with type limiting flow to 2.5 gallons per minute.
- Encourage family members to take short showers instead of tub baths. The average person uses about half as much hot water in a shower as in a tub.

TOILETS -

- Avoid unnecessary flushing. Dispose of tissues, insects and other waste in the trash.
- Report any leaks immediately to management.

HOW TO TEST YOUR TOILETS FOR A SECRET LEAK:

- **Put 10 drops of food coloring in the tank.**
- **Don't flush for 15 minutes.**
- **If the colored water shows up in the bowl, you have a leak**

