

In July

TASK OF THE MONTH

Be water wise

What uses the most water in homes?

Traditional toilets can use over 25% of household water.

Installing plastic bottles filled with water in the tank or a toilet-displacement device can save over a gallon per flush.



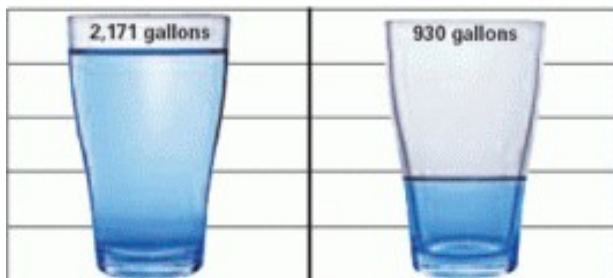
Install dual flush toilets when you can!

Install low-flow showerheads & faucet aerators

Annual Gallons Saved per device:

Showerhead

Faucet Aerator



Saving water also saves the **water utility electricity:**

City of Bloomington Utilities uses $\pm 6,000$ kWh per 1000 gallons (1 unit) of water:

- $\pm 50\%$ to purify, pump the finished water.
- $\pm 50\%$ to move and treat the wastewater.

Heating water uses 20% or more of a home's energy use.

- Water shouldn't feel too hot to your hands.
- Set the temperature to 120°F.
- Add a timer on your water heater to turn it down for a few hours after evening use or when away for a longer period.

Time to replace your water heater?

Heat pump (hybrid) water heaters are 70% more efficient than standard electric water heaters.



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