

Did You **KNOW?**

Your faucets and showerheads could be wasting water



Do you know how water efficient your faucets and showerheads are? You can measure their flow rate easily. To do this, you need a small bucket or deep bowl, a measuring cup and a second timer or watch with a second hand.

Follow these steps:

1. Place a bucket or bowl under the faucet or showerhead to catch the entire stream of water before turning it on.
2. Turn on the water full blast for exactly five seconds.
3. Use a measuring cup to determine the amount of water that you collected.
4. Convert cups to gallons by multiplying the number of cups of water collected by 0.0625:

____ cups X 0.0625 = ____ gallons

5. Multiply the number of gallons by 12 to get the water flow rate in gallons per minute (gpm):

____ gallons X 12 = ____ gpm

If your showerhead uses more than 2.5 gpm, you can save water by replacing it with a new low-flow showerhead. These showerheads mix air with water to reduce the amount of water used, but still feel like higher flowing fixtures.

If your faucet uses more than 2.0 gpm, you need to install or change the aerator. Aerators mix air with water to reduce the amount of water used and simply screw on and off. All of your faucets should have aerators.