

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;



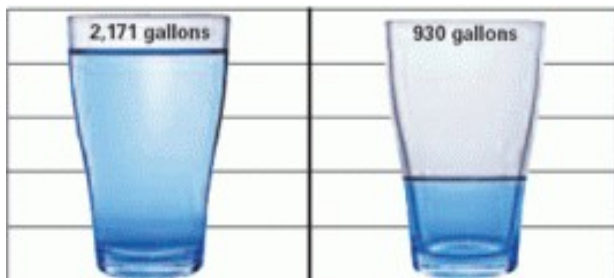
Install dual flush toilets when you can!

Install low-flow showerheads & faucet aerators

Annual Gallons Saved:

Showerhead

Faucet Aerator



Saving water also saves the city electricity:

CBU 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 14-18% of a typical 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?

- Consider a tankless water heater;
- The Inflation Reduction Act has a \$1,750 incentive toward an electric heat pump water heater;



<https://www.energy.gov/energy-saver/articles/inflation-reduction-act-2022-what-it-means-you>



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