

# TOILETS



## Facts

- Toilets can account for almost 30% of all indoor water use, more than any other fixture or appliance.
- Older toilets (installed prior to 1994) use 3.5 to 7 gallons of water per flush and as much as 20 gallons per person per day.
- Replacing an old toilet with a new model can save the typical household 7,900 to 21,700 gallons of water per year, cutting both your water and wastewater bills.
- An average of 20% of toilets leak.

## Tips

- Install an ultra low-flow toilet that requires only 1.6 gallons per flush.
- To ensure optimal performance, when installing a low-flow toilet in areas with a low drainage gradient (such as basements), consider a pressurized model.
- Check toilets periodically for leaks and repair them promptly.
- Reduce the amount of water used by an older toilet by placing a one gallon plastic jug of water, or two one quart bottles, in the tank to displace toilet flows. Or you can install a "dam" that partitions off a section of the tank so it can't fill with water. These methods can save over 1,000 gallons of water per person per year.
- Don't use the toilet as a trash can.

*Note: This information was obtained from [www.waterwiser.org](http://www.waterwiser.org), which is a program of the American Water Works Association operated in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.*