

How well do you understand your own water usage?
Do you know how to best save water in your home?
Test your knowledge with the following quiz, and find out if you're a
WaterSense novice, expert, or genius!

1. The average family of four uses approximately __ gallons of water per day?

- A. 50
- B. 100
- C. 250
- D. 400

2. How much of the water on earth is available for people's everyday use?

- A. More than 50%
- B. 28%
- C. Less than 1%
- D. 12%

3. How much water can you save per day by turning off the tap while brushing your teeth in the morning and at bedtime?

- A. Up to 2 gallons
- B. Up to 4 gallons
- C. Up to 8 gallons
- D. Up to 6 gallons

4. Which of the following uses less water?

- A. Taking a five minute shower
- B. Taking a bath

5. In the average household, which of the following wastes the MOST water per day?

- A. Running the tap while washing dishes
- B. Using a garbage disposal
- C. A leaky toilet
- D. Long showers

6. How much water is saved per flush with a high-efficiency toilet?

- A. 0.6 to 1.9 gallons
- B. 2.2 to 5.7 gallons
- C. More than 6 gallons

7. How much water used for irrigating lawns and gardens, on average, is wasted due to overwatering and evaporation?

- A. 50%
- B. 25%
- C. 15%
- D. 10%

8. A water-efficient irrigation system may include which features?

- A. Drip irrigation
- B. Moisture sensors
- C. Rain shut-off device
- D. All of the above

9. Which of the following uses less water?

- A. Washing dishes under a running tap
- B. Washing dishes in a fully loaded automatic dishwasher without pre-rinsing

10. Between 1950 and 2000, the U.S. population grew by 89 percent; approximately how much has our water use grown in the same period?

- A. 200%
- B. 50%
- C. 100%
- D. 25%

11. High-efficiency washing machines save about how much water per load compared to traditional models?

- A. 2-5 gallons
- B. 7-10 gallons
- C. 11-13 gallons
- D. 14 gallons or more

12. Easily corrected household water leaks account for what percentage of the average water bill?

- A. 2%
- B. 4%
- C. 6%
- D. 8%

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