

What Is Water Loss?

Water loss is any unaccountable water that occurs other than for known reasons, such as from industrial processes, or typical water usages at home.

How To Detect A Water Leak

If your water bill/consumption has increased for no explained reason you possibly have a leak. Remember, such water usages as watering the yard, variation in the number of household members, and filling a pool will affect your bill.

Look for water leak signs on your property. Look at your driveway, curb or street for evidence of water flow. The evidence may not be a steady stream of water; it may only be a puddle in your grass that never dries up, or a darker spot on dry concrete.

Start by taking a water meter reading before and after a two-hour period when no planned water is to be used. If the meter reading is not exactly the same as the beginning reading, you may have a water leak.

Ways to Save on Water Use

Type	Normal Use	Conservation
Shower	5 Minute Shower—20 Gallons	Take shorter showers/Use low-flow shower heads
Bath Tub	Average 36 Gallons	Take a shower over a bath
Toilet Flushing	1.6-4 Gallons	Install a low-flow toilet
Hand Washing	2 Gallons	Installing faucet—head aerators to aid in reducing flow rate
Brushing Teeth	15 Gallons—Tap Running	Turn off water when brushing teeth
Shaving	15 Gallons—Tap Running	Turn off water when shaving
Sink Dishwashing	10-30 Gallons	Use efficient hand washing techniques
Dishwasher	6-16 Gallons	Install an EnergyStar dishwasher
Washing Machine	25-40 Gallons	Replace washer with an EnergyStar unit
Outdoor Watering	2-10 Gallons	Prioritize watering and/or eliminate

Water Loss From Leaks

