

# Conserving Water Indoors

Most Septic Tanks only hold 1,000 gallons, which may sound like a lot, but can fill up rather quickly without reducing your water usage from inside the home! Here are the most common estimated Sewage System Inputs:

28% Clothes Washer  
22% Dishwasher  
21% Toilets  
17% Baths  
12% Sink Faucets

There are lots of things you can do in your home to reduce water use and get more from less. Below are some helpful tips and tricks to conserve your water usage:

**Fix all leaks:** Small household faucet & toilet leaks can add up to gallons of water lost every day!

## **FOR TEMPORARY WATER CONSERVATION:**

**In the bathroom**—where over half of all water use inside a home takes place:

1. Turn off the tap while shaving, brushing teeth, or washing your hair or hands
2. Take showers rather than a bath. Showers typically use only 5-10 gallons/minute.
3. Put a one -liter plastic bottle weighted with sand, pebbles, or rocks in your toilet tank safely away from the operating mechanism - this will reduce water with every flush!

**In the kitchen:**

1. If washing dishes by hand, plug up the sink or use a wash basin.
2. Avoid letting the faucet run until the water is cool/hot.
3. Avoid using the Dishwasher - utilize disposable paper/plastic products

**In the laundry room:**

1. Utilize a local Laundry Facility or a friend/family member's laundry facilities
2. Avoid use of the washing machine - if necessary, wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.

**Give our Office a call IMMEDIATELY if you smell a foul odor around/near your Septic Tank, or if you begin to have a back-up inside the home.**

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