



## City of Fort Meade

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# Water Conservation

*Water Conservation is very important and Fort Meade is taking a proactive stance in promoting conservation. Please take a moment to read below to find out how you can take an active role in conservation.*

The following estimates will provide you with an overall idea of how much household fixtures or appliance uses. Depending on personal habits and number of occupants your actual consumption will vary.

### **Shower: 5 to 10 Gallons per minute.**

The average shower lasts anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes. Thus if a person takes a 10 minute shower and uses 7.5 gallons per minute, that would equate to 75 gallons of water per shower. If there are 30 days in a month, this would equal an average consumption of 2,250 gallons per month for one person.

### **Washing Machine 40 gallons or more per load.**

If someone were to wash twice a week (one load for whites and one for dark) with there being four weeks in a month, that would equate to 320 gallons per month for one person.

### **Dishwasher: 15 to 20 gallons per minute.**

The average dishwasher may run 15 minutes during a cleaning cycle. Thus if someone were to run the dishwasher twice a week. With there being four weeks in a month, it would equal an average consumption of 1,050 gallons per month for one person.

### **Toilet: 5 to 7 gallons of water to flush a toilet.**

If someone were to flush a toilet four times per day, it would average a consumption of 672 gallons per month for one person.

**Monthly consumption totals ( excluding typical activities such as washing hands, brushing teeth, and meal preparation): 4,292 Gallons per month!**

## Tips for Conservation

Repair leaks in your yard or home.

Avoid unnecessary flushing. You could save upwards of 7 gallons a flush and a leaky toilet could waste 300 gallons per month.

Put food coloring in your toilet tank if it seeps into the bowl there is a leak. It is easy to fix and you could save hundreds of gallons of water.

Don't use running water to thaw food.

Drippy faucets waste 2,000 gallons of water a year.

Americans drink more than 1 billion glasses of tap water a day.

Dishwashers should be completely full before running. This can save up to 15 gallons per load.

