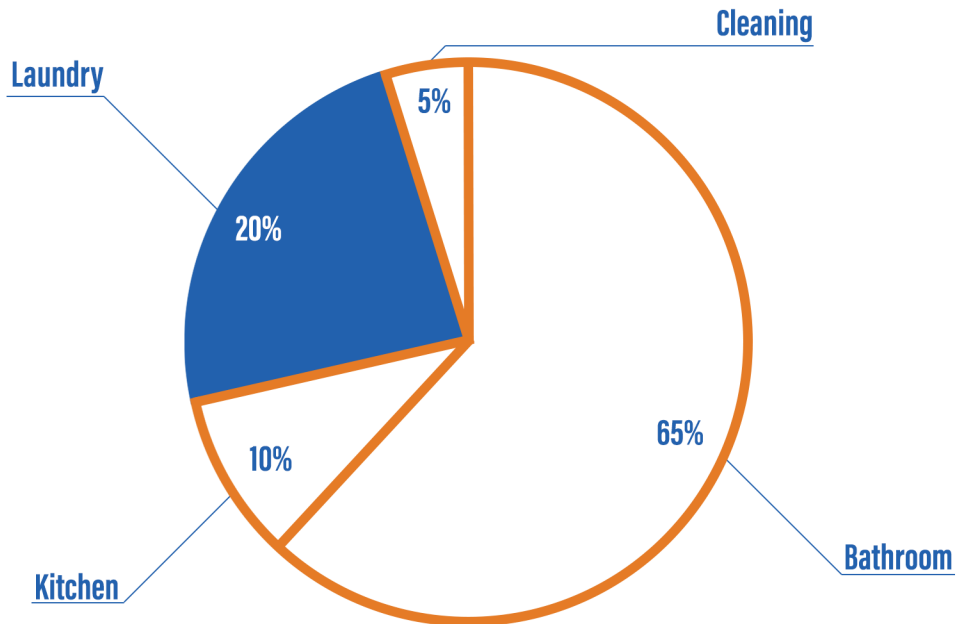


Everyone can make a significant contribution to minimize wastage of a very precious resource. Halifax Water also does its part with the adoption of the International Water Association (IWA) standard to minimize leakage and account for all water delivered through the distribution system. Although we operate a system with some of the oldest pipes in Canada, our leakage rates are amongst the best due to our focused approach.

Average Indoor Water Usage Chart



Conservation in the Bathroom

- Turn off tap while brushing your teeth, and use short bursts of water for rinsing.
- Flush toilet only when necessary.
- Toilets are the most common source of water leakage. See Leak Investigation for more information.
- Turn off the taps tightly but gently so they do not drip.
- The toilet should never be used as an ashtray or wastebasket. Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue, or other small bit of trash, you waste water, and contribute to the pollution of our environment.
- Take shorter showers. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down, and rinse off.
- Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.
- Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush. There is no need to keep water pouring down the drain. Just wet your toothbrush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.
- Rinse your razor in the sink. Fill the bottom of the sink with a few inches of water. This will rinse your blade just as well as running water.
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks. Even the smallest drip from a worn washer can waste 75 or more litres a day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds.



Conservation in the Kitchen

- Take foods out of the freezer early to allow plenty time to thaw. Thawing frozen goods under a running tap wastes water.
- Keep water in the fridge so you don't have to run the tap to get cold water.
- Fill the dishwasher before you turn it on. It can use from 35-45 litres per cycle.
- If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing. If you have two sinks, fill one with soapy water and one with rinse water. If you have only one sink, gather washed dishes in a dish rack and rinse them with a spray device or a pan full of hot water.
- Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables. Just rinse them in a stoppered sink or a pan of clean water.
- Scrape any food or grease off of your dishes and into the compost bin before washing them to reduce water usage.
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks. Leaks waste water 24 hours a day, seven days a week and often can be repaired with only an inexpensive washer.

Conservation in the Laundry Room

- Pay attention to the size of your load of laundry and adjust your washers settings accordingly.
- Wash full loads.
- To cut down on energy costs use warm or cold water to wash clothing rather than hot water.

Conservation Outdoors

- Reduce or stop lawn, garden, plant watering or other outside water usage.
- Reduce or stop car/RV or other vehicle washing at home.
- Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets, and couplings.
- Leaks outside the house may not seem as bad since they are not as visible. But they can be just as wasteful as leaks inside. Check frequently and keep them drip-free.