HOW MUCH WATER DO YOU USE??



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The average American uses between 100 and 200 gallons of water per day. By using this home water audit, you can determine the areas where you use water most and identify ways that you and your family can save our most precious natural resource. We also recommend that you have a home inspection from a professional plumbing contractor to determine if there are problems with your existing systems and to discuss the results of your self-audit.

We at Bob Frank Plumbing, Inc. can recommend practical water-saving strategies that meet the needs of your family.

The first step to take is yours. Please complete the survey below so that the plumbing professional that visits can help you determine how you can best save water. There are many simple ways to cut down on water consumption. There are also products available that can further reduce water use, save you money and may qualify for a tax credit.

1. Get a copy of your water bill to estimate the water use per person in your household.

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Gallons		# of Days in		Average Daily		# of People		Average Use		
Used	÷	Billing cycle	=	Consumption	÷	In the Home	=	Per Person		

2. Determine how water is being used within your household.

Water Use	Uses Per Week	х	Gallons per Use	=	Total gallons Per Week
Showers: Est. 3 gal. per min.					
Baths: Est. 36 gal. per full bath/18 per half bath					
Toilets: Ave. # per person is 4 x day Est. 2 – 5 gal. per flush					
Brushing Teeth: Est. 3 gal. per minute					
Washing Hands: Est. 3 gal. per minute					
Dishwasher: Est.15-20 <i>gal.</i> per cycle					
Laundry: Est. 30-60 gallons per load					
Misc. Indoor Use: Est. 10 gal. per day per person				1	

Estimate the total gallons used per month.

Gallons Used	÷	7 Days	=	Gallons	х	Days in	=	Average Gallons	
Per Week				Used Daily		the Month		Used Per month	

3. Estimate the total gallons used outside your home per month.

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	Minutes	х	# per	=	Minutes	÷	60	=	Watering Hours	
	per day		Week		Per Week				Per Week	

Be sure to consider all outside uses: garden/lawn watering, washing cars, filling pools, etc. Using a garden hose or irrigation system (depending on type) can use up to 250 gallons per hour.

Estimate gallons used per week.

Watering Hours Per Week	х	250	=	Gallons Per Week	