



Happy New Year Village Residents,

As we head into 2025, I thought it would be a great idea to share some water usage facts, conservation tips, and the Village of Copenhagen Water Law. The US inflation has been hard on everyone's wallet, and I hope the following information may benefit you at some point this year.

NATIONAL AVERAGE INDOOR RESIDENTIAL WATER USE PER DAY PER PERSON	60-70 GALLONS
LOCATION OF 50-75% OF ALL RESIDENTIAL WATER USE	BATHROOM
WATER USAGE OF A STANDARD TOILET (BEFORE 1992)	3.5-7.0 GALLONS PER FLUSH
WATER USAGE OF A LOW CONSUMPTION TOILET	1.6 GALLONS PER FLUSH
WATER USAGE OF A HIGH EFFICIENCY TOILET (HET)	1.28 GALLONS PER FLUSH
AVERAGE FAMILY OF FOUR WATER USAGE PER WEEK JUST BY FLUSHING	881 GALLONS
WATER USAGE OF AN AVERAGE BATH	37 GALLONS
WATER USAGE OF A STANDARD SHOWERHEAD	4-7 GALLONS PER MINUTE
WATER USAGE OF A LOW-FLOW SHOWERHEAD	2 GALLONS PER MINUTE
WATER USAGE OF A STANDARD TOP LOAD WASHING MACHINE	45-55 GALLONS PER LOAD
WATER USAGE OF HIGH EFFICIENT TOP LOAD WASHING MACHINE	20-25 GALLONS PER LOAD
WATER USAGE OF HIGH EFFICIENT FRONT LOAD WASHING MACHINE	7-15 GALLONS PER LOAD
WATER USAGE OF A DISHWASHER	5-15 GALLONS PER LOAD
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HERE ARE 10 WAYS YOU CAN CONSERVE AND START SAVING TODAY:

1. REPLACE AN OLDER TOILET WITH A WATER-SENSE LABELED HIGH EFFICIENCY TOILET.

Older toilets can use up to 4 times more water per flush. Plus, there are rebates to help you save money when you upgrade.

2. REGULARLY CHECK FOR & REPAIR WATER LEAKS.

Even small leaks can waste hundreds to thousands of gallons of water a month. Many water leaks can be fixed by a do-it-yourself plumber, and repair parts are relatively inexpensive to purchase (\$5-20).

3. TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS.

Each minute you shave off your shower time saves up to 2.5 gallons of water.

4. INSTALL AN AERATOR ON YOUR BATHROOM OR KITCHEN FAUCET.

This will save about 1 gallon per minute. An aerator reduces the flow from the faucet, and uses air to maintain good water pressure.

5. SELECT AN ENERGY STAR APPROVED CLOTHES WASHER.

When it's time to buy a new one, Energy-Star approved washers use 15-20 less gallons of water per load on a top loader, and even more on a front loader.

6. INSTALL A HIGH EFFICIENCY SHOWERHEAD.

You can save about 1 gallon per minute.

7. KNOW WHERE YOUR MASTER SHUTOFF VALVE IS LOCATED.

This could save water (in the event of a pipe burst) and prevent damage to your home.

8. WASH ONLY FULL LOADS.

Dishwashers use about the same amount of energy and water regardless of the number of dishes inside, so run full loads whenever possible.

9. TURN THE SINK FAUCET ON ONLY TO RINSE.

You can also use a large container filled with rinse water when washing dishes by hand. You can save about 2.5 gallons of water for every minute your faucet does not run.

10. SCRAPE INSTEAD OF PRE-RINSING.

Save yourself 20 gallons of water by scraping food off your dishes instead of pre-rinsing.

Knowing Section 7. Repairs and Maintenance of Village of Copenhagen Law

A. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to repair and maintain the service pipes from the Village's curb shutoff to and into the building serviced. All leaking pipes, appliances and outlets shall be promptly repaired by the property owner...

B. Any damage to the Village's curb shutoff caused by property owner or any persons hired by the property owner shall be repaired or replaced by the Village Water Dept., and the cost of labor provided by the Village at the prevailing wage in effect for the Village plus the cost of the materials shall be charged to the property owner. Any such charges not paid within 30 days from the date of billing shall be subject to the provisions of Section 9 of this law.

To read the full Water Law, please visit www.copenhagen.racog.org or stop into my office.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Village Clerk, and here is to an amazing 2025!

With Gratitude,

