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# WATER—DID YOU KNOW...?

**FACT:** 60 percent of water used in the average home is used for showers, baths and flushing the toilet.

## WEEK 1

Over a seven-day period, monitor the water usage in your home. Record in the table the amount of water used daily. Place notepaper and a pen in your toilet and bathroom areas and ask each member of your family to record each time they use the toilet, wash their hands, brush their teeth or take a bath. Place a clock near your shower and ask each person to note and write down how long they spend showering. Also keep a tally in the kitchen, laundry and outside areas of the number of times water is used for clothes washing, dishwashing and watering the garden.

Each day, record the water meter reading; this will give you the amount of water used each day. Before you start your seven-day monitoring period make sure that you take a meter reading the evening before. You will need this reading to be able to work out the water usage for the first day. Take a reading each day, either in the evening just before you go to bed, by which time most of your water usage will have occurred; or first thing in the morning, before anyone has a shower. Then, for example, subtract the reading from the end of day 2 from the reading from the end of day 3 to get the amount of usage for day 3. Record this in the table. At the end of the seven-day monitoring period, calculate the total amount of water used over that period.

First meter reading:

