

Be Proactive!

Check for Toilet Leaks

Place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. Do not flush the toilet. After 15 minutes, check the water in the bowl. If you see color in the bowl, you have a leak.

Check Faucets for Leaks

Turn off faucet completely. Place a measuring cup under the faucet. Check the glass in 15 minutes.

One cup = 300 gallons of water a month.

Check your faucet by placing your finger against water spout. If you feel a screen, unscrew the aerator to clean or replace it.

Check for Landscape Leaks

Check for leaks around the hose and sprinkler connection. Look for standing water on the surface near irrigation system spray heads.

If you have an area of lawn that is brighter than the rest, you may have a leak.

Check Your Meter for Leaks

Turn off all the water on your property. Wait five minutes. Open your meter box (your meter cover). If the large needle sweeps or moves over a one minute period you have a leak in your home. Most Fulton County meters have a red area on the dial that indicates you have a leak.

Measure Your Shower Flow Rate

Hold a plastic bag tightly around your shower head or faucet. Turn the water on completely for 10 seconds. Pour the water from the bag into the measuring cup. Multiply the amount of water in the measuring cup by six to get the flow rate per minute.



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Fulton County would like to provide you with water efficiency information!



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Current Outdoor Water Restrictions:

All Georgians using public water must follow their local utility's schedule and the Department of Natural Resources' schedule for year-round outdoor watering.

Rain Sensor Shut-Off Switch

In the metro North Georgia area, all new in-ground landscape irrigation systems **must have an automatic rain sensor shut-off switch**. A rain shut-off device (also called a rain sensor) is designed to halt irrigation in response to rainfall.

Update Old Toilets!

If your home was built before 1992, it may contain inefficient toilets and can use as much as five times more water than newer toilets! If your toilet uses more than 1.6 gallons per flush you could save 50-75% by installing a new toilet. The savings on your water bill could pay for the new toilet within a few years.



Year Manufactured or Installed	Toilet Water Use Rate (gpf)
1994 - present	1.6
1980 - 1994	4.5 - 3.5
1930 -1980	8.0 - 5.0

How *Water Wise* are you? How much water do you actually use?

Please answer the following questions.

Your answers will help you determine how Water Efficient your home is.

Indoor Water Use

1. Was your home built before 1992? _____
2. How many people live in your home? _____
3. Do you and your family take baths or showers? _____
4. How many minutes do you shower? _____
5. Do you let the faucet run while you brush your teeth, shave, or wash your face? _____
6. Do you rinse your dishes before you load them in the dishwasher? _____
7. Do you run your dishwasher only when it is full? _____
8. How many times a week do you use your washing machine? _____
9. Is your washing machine full when you run it? _____

Outdoor Water Use

1. Do you use a hose to water your lawn? _____
2. Do you use a nozzle on outdoor hoses? _____
3. Do you use a hose to clean your driveway? _____
4. Do you have an automated irrigation system? _____
5. Do you have a rain shut-off sensor on the irrigation system? _____
6. Does your sprinkler spray water on the pavement? _____
7. Do you check your sprinkler heads to make sure they are functioning properly? _____
8. What time of the day do you water your lawn? _____
9. How many days a week do you water your lawn?
Fall / Winter _____
Spring / Summer _____

Household Water Assessment *WORKSHEET*

1. Water consumption or use from your water bill _____ gallons (L)
2. _____ days in billing cycle.
3. Household use = gallons (1.) ÷ days in billing cycle (2.) _____
4. _____ number of people living in your home.
5. Divide household usage (3.) by number of people living in your home (4.) _____

This number tells you how much water you and your family use in 1 billing cycle.

Compare your answer with the following chart:

Winter	Summer	RANK
50 to 70	65 to 90	efficient
exceeds 70	exceeds 90	inefficient

We would like to provide you with water efficiency information and free devices based on your survey answers.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
E-mail: _____

You may return this form by mail (see back) or FAX it to 404-893-6304.