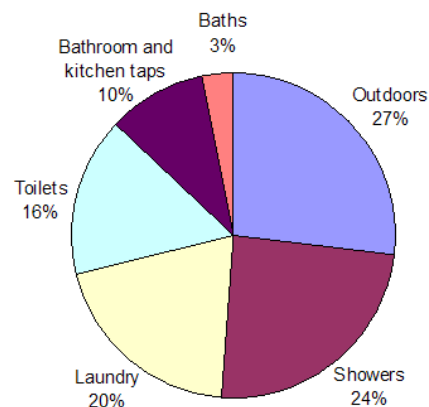


How much water do I use?

In Sydney Water's operating area, homes use 70% of all water, while businesses and other organisations use the remaining 30%.

In homes:

- 27% of water is used outdoors
- 24% in showers
- 20% in the laundry
- 16% is used for flushing toilets
- 10% from kitchen and bathroom taps
- 3% In baths.



Appliance/source	Litres used
Shower Regular type	almost 18 litres a minute
3-star rated showerhead	9 litres a minute
Bath Average bath	58 litres
Toilet 11 litre full flush	54 litres a person a day
11 litre full flush (with cistern weight)	45 litres a person a day
3-star rated dual flush	18 litres a person a day
Hand basin Running tap	up to 18 litres a minute
Dishwashing Washing by hand	18 litres

Dishwashing machine (1980s model)	40.5 litres a load
Dishwashing machine (1993 - 1996 model)	27 litres a cycle
3-star rated machine (1998 or later)	18 litres a cycle
Clothes washing Average washing machine	almost 99 litres a load
4 ¹ / ₂ - star rated washing machine	40.5 litres a load
Garden Filling a backyard swimming pool	up to 54,000 litres
Sprinkler	999 litres an hour
Car washing Hose washing	180 litres a wash
Bucket washing	99 litres a wash
Leaks (taps and pipes) Dripping tap	27 - 198 litres a day
Leaking pipe (1.5 mm hole)	99 litres a day
Leaks (from toilet cisterns) Slow, barely visible	9 litres a day
Leak visible in toilet pan water	36 litres a day
Visible, just audible	144 litres a day
Quite visible, constant refilling hiss	261 litres a day