

## **Reduce High water usage- Some ways HIGH water usage occurs by using the following things excessively**

If you have a swimming pool, use a cover and you'll save loss from evaporation by 90%

Lawns & Gardens -water every 3-5 days in summer and 10-14 days in winter

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks

Avoid letting water run during washing an automobile; better yet use a car wash

Washing Machines use per load – use when fully loaded

Top loading – gallons per load (40 gallons per cycle)

Front loading - gallons per load (24 gallons per cycle)

When washing dishes by hand

Don't leave water running; use 2 basins – one for washing and one for rinsing

Dish Washer – use when fully loaded

Before 2009 – 20 gallons per load

After 2009 Energy Star – 6 gallons per load

Toilets

Built before 1982 – 7 gallons per flush

After 1982 low flow – 1 ½ gallons per flush

Bath

Average tub for a typical bath -40 to 60 gallons

Shower

An average 10 min shower- 12 gallons

Brush Teeth

Average brushing uses 1 gallon of water

Turn water off while brushing your teeth

Leaking Faucet

Average 10 gallons per day

## **Possible water leaks -**

Toilet - hanging up or continuous running, bad flapper.

Hot water heater (if set on high water will evaporate in between using)

Outside or inside faucet (left on or dripping)

Ice maker, Dish washer & washing machine lines (leaking or burst)

Water line from meter to house (to check this make sure everything is cut off inside house and watch meter to see if running. If so, here is where your leak maybe)

Swimming pool or hot tub (check for cracks or evaporation)