

## Be Water Wise in the CRD

✓ Save this checklist and join others in helping conserve water for our ecosystems & community

💧 Taps off when brushing teeth

💧 Strive for a five minute shower

💧 Know what to flush

💧 Find your main water shut-off in case of an emergency water leak

💧 Check for leaky taps and toilets

💧 Replace outdated, inefficient water fixtures & appliances for high-efficiency models

To learn more, visit:  
[www.crd.bc.ca/water](http://www.crd.bc.ca/water)

## Why Conserve Water?



Did you know that only one per cent of water on the Earth's surface is drinkable fresh water? Our region's primary drinking water source is the Sooke Reservoir.



The winter rainfall captured in the Sooke Reservoir must last through the region's dry summer months. With our growing population and a changing climate, we can all take steps to be water wise in the capital region.



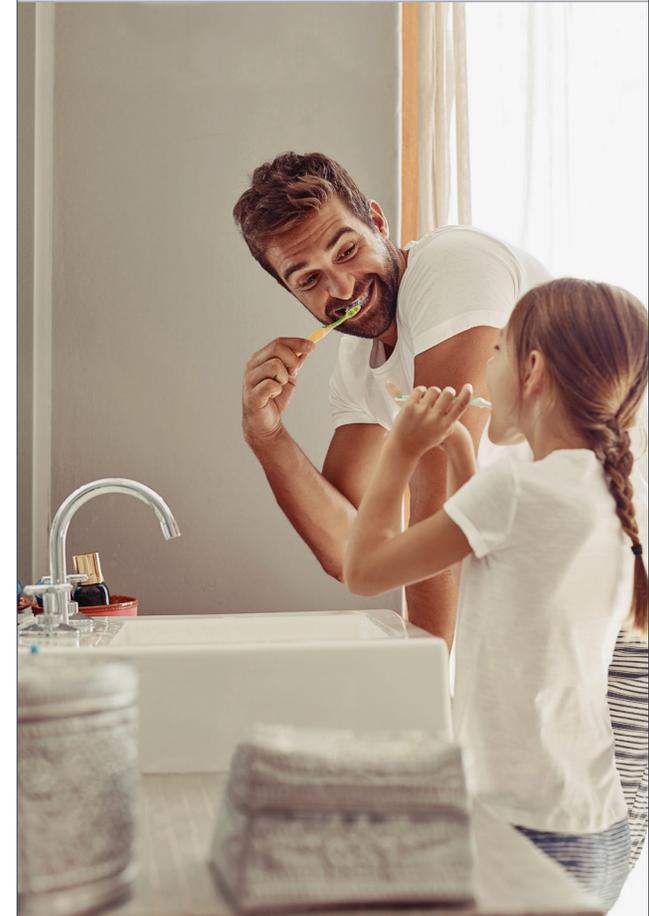
Since bathroom use makes up to 65% of all indoor water use, saving water can be as easy as changing our daily habits.

### The Sooke Lake Reservoir



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## Water Wise Bathrooms



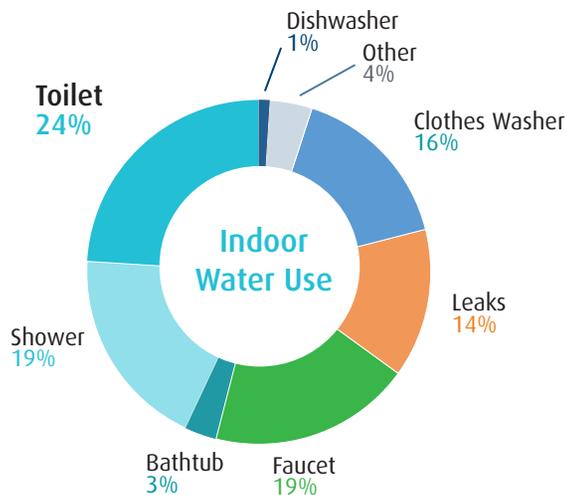
Making small changes  
adds up to BIG savings!

## Water Wise Toilets

**Replace outdated toilets with high-efficiency models.** High-efficiency toilets use no more than 4.8 L of water per flush while older toilets can use up to 20 L. Replacing inefficient toilets is the best way to save the most water in your bathroom. A family of four can save over 100,000 L of water a year by making the switch!

**Reduce your daily flush count.** Every time you flush your toilet, several litres of drinking water go down the drain, so limit the number of times you flush to save water.

**Don't use the toilet as a trashcan.** Flushing anything other than pee, poo or toilet paper is not safe for our sewer systems. Common bathroom products like flushable wipes and dental floss can cause big and costly pipe blockages.



**Toilets use the highest amount of water of all indoor water consumption**

## Water Wise Showers

**Replace inefficient showerheads.** High-efficiency showerheads use between 5.6 to 7.6 litres per minute (lpm) while older models use up to 20 lpm.

**Shorten your shower.** Keep activities like shaving and brushing your teeth outside of the shower. Use a timer in the shower to strive for five minutes. Fill your bathtub only as full as you need.

**Reuse water where possible.** When waiting for your water to become warm, try capturing it for other uses, such as watering plants outside.

**Check your showerhead efficiency.** Contact us for a FREE shower bag to test how much water your showerhead uses. Learn more at our website.



**Shorten your shower to five minutes to reduce your energy consumption and save up to 10,000 litres of water per year**

## Why Check for Leaks?

Household leaks make up to 14% of all indoor water use. Simple and inexpensive repairs can prevent our drinking water from being wasted.

Repair any leaky fixtures and check your toilet at least once a year for undetected leaks.

### Test your tank

Most toilet leaks are easily solved by replacing worn or misaligned parts in your tank.

How to test your toilets for leaks using food colouring or a dye tablet:

- Carefully remove the toilet tank lid and place your tab or dye into the tank. Return the lid.
- Wait 15 minutes. If you see coloured water in the bowl, you have a leak.
- If you have a leak, you can fix it yourself or call a plumber, depending on your comfort level.

Contact [waterwise@crd.bc.ca](mailto:waterwise@crd.bc.ca) for FREE dye tablets.

### Intermittent drips

An intermittent drip from your faucet or showerhead can waste more than 35,000 litres of water a year, costing you money. This wasted water could fill a bathtub over 100 times!

**If you have a dripping faucet, don't delay — fix it right away.**

### Keep track of your water bill

Your water use may fluctuate throughout the year, but if you see an unexpected increase you have a leak. Be sure to check your toilets — the most common indoor culprit (outdoor irrigation systems are another common cause). Consider calling a plumber or your water service provider for additional information.

### Emergency shut-off

Find your main water shut-off in case of an emergency water leak.