

World Water Use

around the world in gpd (gallons per day)



How many gallons of water do you use every day?

Did you know?

- In 2015, for the first time in California's history, mandatory water use reductions were implemented.
- 2014 was the warmest year on record for California.
- For many areas in California, 2013 was the driest year since we began collecting rainfall data.
- Approximately 20% of all the energy used in California goes towards moving water. When you use less water, you save energy!
- If you like having extra spending money, drink tap water! It costs each person less than \$3.00 for a whole year's supply of drinking water.
- Saving water, saves fish! We share our water supply with the animals living in and around the Russian River.



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Where does your water go when it goes down the drain?

It doesn't just disappear! Water that goes down the drain goes to a wastewater treatment plant. The water goes through several processes to remove the waste. This water can then be used to water golf courses, vineyards, parks, and agricultural lands. Purple pipes are used to transport this recycled water. Look for them in your town!



Did you know?

The Russian River is the source of drinking water for over 600,000 people who live in parts of Sonoma and Marin counties. Your drinking water is naturally filtered by sand and gravel along the Russian River. The Water Agency's water supply system consistently meets or exceeds state and national standards for drinking water quality. (This means it's safe to consume, so drink up!)



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Are you doing all you can to use water wisely?



Start saving water in your home:

- Turn the faucet off while washing your dishes.
- Run the dishwasher and washing machine with only full loads.
- Take a shower in 5 minutes or less.
- Turn off the faucet while lathering your hands or face.
- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.
- Do not throw trash in the toilet.
- Use a bucket to catch cold shower water and then use that water in your garden.
- To reduce evaporation, water your lawn at night.
- Fix leaky faucets inside and outside your home.

Learn more at www.sonomacountywater.org