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Brainerd Public Utilities



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UPDATE PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL

Brainerd Public Utilities is implementing new customer notification software that will allow BPU to notify customers during critical events to keep their customers informed and safe.

When we have a current telephone number we can also let you know when we see that you have water or electric consumption that is higher than normal, or other miscellaneous emergency situations. Please call 825-3203 with your updated home, E-mail address, and cell numbers.



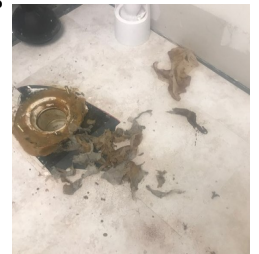
THROW AWAY -VS- FLUSHING

This is not a trash can



“Disposable” & “Flushable” wipes clog your sewer pipes and can clog your toilet.

This means blockage and could cause sewer overflows, and or back ups into homes, which can be expensive to repair this damage.



Why is this happening?

- * Improper labeling and false advertising of the word “Flushable”.
- * Companies blame customers
- * Many wipes are flushed anyway



Just because you CAN flush it doesn't mean you SHOULD flush it.

Here is toilet paper and a wipe from over a year's time. (2/2018—3/2019) The wipe is still whole after a year!



Even wipes labeled as “flushable” can lead to toilet and pipe and toilet blockages. Others items that should not be flushed; paper towels, dental floss, band-aids, diapers, household



How much water do I use at home each day?

Estimates vary, but, on average, each person uses about 80-100 gallons of water per day, for indoor home uses. Are you surprised that the largest use of household water is to flush the toilet, and after that,

to take showers and baths? That is why, in these days of water conservation, we are starting to see toilets and showers that use less water than before.

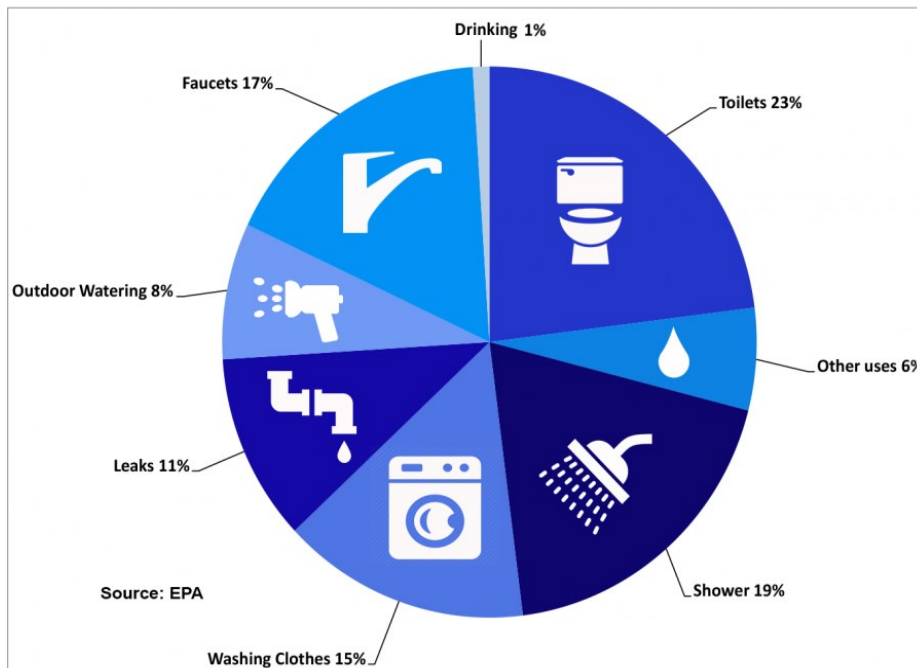
Does a little leak in my house really waste water?

It's not the little leak that wastes water—it is the little leak that keeps on leaking that wastes water. And the fact that the leak is so little means that maybe you ignore it. So, how can a little leak turn into a big waste? Many of our toilets have a constant leak—somewhere around 22 gallons per day. This translates into about 8,000 gallons per year of wasted water, water that could be saved. Or think of a leaky water line coming into your house. If it leaks 1 gallon of water every 10 minutes that means that you are losing (and paying for) 144 gallons per day, or 52,560 gallons per year.

There is no scientific definition of the volume of a faucet drip, but after measuring a number of kitchen and bathroom sink faucets, the volume seems to be between 1/5th and 1/3rd of a milliliter (mL). Drips from bathroom tubs come in a bit more, though, at about 1/2 mL. So, we are going to use 1/4 mL as the volume of a kitchen faucet drip. So, by these drip estimates:

- One gallon: 15,140 drips
- One liter: 4,000 drips

Household Water Use



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

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