

## **Krista Mutual Water Company Water High User & Conservation ideas**

1 Cubic Foot = 7.48 gallons, and average person uses 200 CF or 1496.2 Gallon/month and 6.68CF or 50 gallons/day/person.

Krista Mutual Water Company Meters are in Cubic Feet.

Please check all locations for leaks!

### **Bathroom**

On average a person can use up to 50 gallons of water per day which can equal about 200 CF per month. The bathroom is the largest area of water usage. Older toilets, use between 3.5 and 7 gallons of water per flush. A bathroom faucet generally runs at 2 gallons of water per minute. Here are some conservation tips for showering, install a low-flow showerhead, fill a bucket with the water that is wasted while waiting for it to warm up and use that to flush the toilet. Shower for only 3 minutes by getting wet and then shut off the water while you lather your hair and body, then turn it back on to rinse. Use less water for baths, say  $\frac{3}{4}$  full instead of a full tub.

### **Toilets**

A leaking toilet could waste up to 200 gallons a day. Check toilets for leaks, most leaks are from the plunger ball and flapper valve in the tank. You can test to see if it is leaking by adding food color to the tank, just 10 to 15 drops so you can see the color. Do not flush and wait 10 mins, if color appears in the toilet, you have a leak. You can also replace it with a toilet that is an ultra-low flush model, these can save you up to 60% in water usage. Another low-cost fix is to put a brick or a full water bottle in the tank so that it takes less water to fill up the tank.

### **Sink**

Your bathroom faucet runs about 2 gallons per min. When brushing your teeth, shut water off during brushing, only using it for rinsing. Do the same for shaving and hand washing. By doing this you can save more than 200 gallons of water per month. The kitchen sink: washing dishes with an open tap can use up to 20 gallons, buy filling up the sink or a bowl you can save up to 10 gallons. You can save while washing your vegetables the same way. If using the dish washer, fill the dish washer until it is full before running it. Another water saving idea is keep a full pitcher of water in the fridge to avoid running water until cold for a drink.

### **Washing Machine**

Newer washing machines use less water than the older brands. If this is not in your budget, make sure the washing machine is full when using or adjust the water level to match the load level. The newer washing machines do this automatically.

### **Outside**

Use a broom, rake or leaf blower to clean off driveways, patios, walkways or yards. You can also use car washes for washing your car.

If you are concerned that you have a leak and would like our operator to check your meter, please call 661-245-5613 for an appointment. All leaks from the meter to the house are the responsibility of the homeowner not the water company. While checking for leaks make sure you have a shut off valve installed to your house. This makes it easier and less expensive for you if a leak were to happen.