

HOT TUBBERS ARE

# Water Wise

A MESSAGE TO HOT TUB OWNERS

## Owning a Hot Tub is a Smart Water Choice.

Now more than ever it's important to make smart water choices. And enjoying a hot tub is a responsible choice, even during periods of water shortage. When properly cared for, hot tubs use very little water when compared with other everyday household activities, and they provide health and wellness benefits, making them well worth the small water investment. Hot tubs use far less water than lawns and gardens, and it takes less water to fill them than most households use in just one day.

## Hot tubs don't waste water.

The typical U.S. household consumes 400 gallons of water each day. The average household loses 10 gallons per day to leaks—that's 3,650 gallons over the course of a year. Standard toilets use 3–5 gallons a flush, and doing laundry can use 20–40 gallons of water per load. In contrast, the typical hot tub holds 400 gallons of water. Because that water can last for four months or longer, hot tub water usage averages out to less than three gallons per day, or just 1% of total household water consumption.

## Hot tubs provide health and wellness benefits.

Most people use their hot tub for therapeutic purposes that include relief from achy muscles, chronic pain, arthritis, fibromyalgia, and stress. Instead of soaking in baths or taking extra-long showers for the benefits of warm water therapy, you can save water by using a hot tub instead.

## Smart Tips for Water Wise Hot Tub Use



1. Reducing showers by just 1 minute per day can more than offset annual hot tub water usage.
2. Maintaining hot tub water properly can greatly increase the time between draining and refilling.
3. Adding a floating blanket between the underside of the cover and the water will also increase savings. The hot tub cover is an important safety feature that also significantly reduces evaporation and water waste.
4. Removing any debris that falls into the spa while the cover is off will keep the water chemistry in balance and reduce the need to drain early.
5. Upgrading to a water care technology that keeps the water cleaner longer can reduce refilling to just once a year.
6. When it does rain, capture the rainwater to replace any water lost due to splashing or evaporation.



**An untended garden hose can use 600 gallons or more** in just a few hours—enough to fill one and a half hot tubs.

**Hot tubs use far less water than lawns and gardens.** According to EPA estimates, 60% of household water—58,000 gallons each year—goes for lawn and garden maintenance.

**Drained and cooled hot tub water can be used for lawns and landscaping;** the chemicals break down within 48 hours and won't harm plants.



**Hot tubbing is a responsible, conservative, and smart use of water to treat chronic pain, soothe the body and mind, and relax with loved ones.**