A Drop in the Bucket

Water is an essential part of our daily lives. We use water to brush our teeth, wash our faces, fix ourselves a cup of coffee, replenish our plants and do so much more. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average American household uses roughly 300 gallons of water per day. An estimated 70% of this water use occurs indoors.

However, in recent months, strict water restrictions have been placed on outdoor water use to combat the ongoing drought. It may surprise you that pools and hot tubs make up only a small drop of a household's total water consumption. On average, pools use up to **14 gallons** of water per day while hot tubs use only **3 gallons** per day.

Check out how your pool or hot tub's water use stacks up against some of your daily household appliances.

Sneaky Leaks

The average household loses **10 gallons** of water per day due to leaks. If left unchecked, leaks can result in a loss of **3,650 gallons** over the course of a year.



Rinsed Out

On average, washing machines use about **20 gallons** of water per load. With the average household running 5-6 loads of laundry each week, this totals out to **480 gallons** a month.



Scrubbed Down

While showers generally use less water than a full bath, the standard showerhead uses approximately **2.5 gallons** per minute. That means one ten-minute shower uses approximately **25 gallons** of water.



Flushed Away

Of any household appliance, the biggest culprit for water waste is the toilet, which uses approximately **1.26 gallons** of water per flush. This averages out to **32.2 gallons** per day!



Down the Faucet

Between rinsing dishes, washing hands and brushing teeth, household faucets use approximately **27.3 gallons** of water per day.

To learn more about how to conserve water both inside and outside of your house, please visit **www.letspooltogether.com**