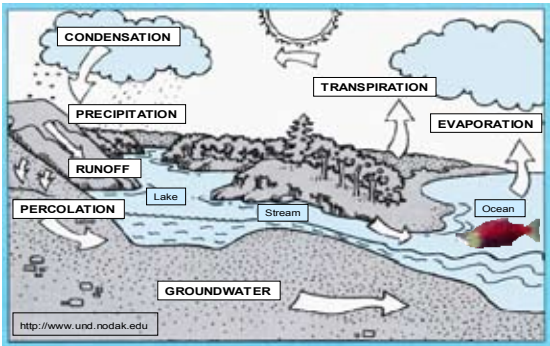


What about water “quality”?

What good is water if you can't use it? It's true, we must all work together to keep our watersheds clean and unpolluted. Humans, animals, insects, and especially aquatic species such as SALMONIDS (e.g. rainbow & steelhead trout, pink salmon) rely on clean sources of water to survive. Do your part by switching to bio-degradable environmentally friendly cleaning *and* personal care products (e.g. shampoo). NEVER pour harmful substances, such as oil or paint, down indoor drains or down storm drains. Use rabbit feed pellets to *naturally fertilize* your lawn, and hand pluck weeds. And please ... use a *garbage can*, not the ground or toilet.

FACT: Everything that we *spray* into the sky, or *pour* on the ground ends up back in our watersheds.



THE HYDROLOGICAL CYCLE (ABOVE)



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TWO-WEEK CHALLENGE

Week 1: Answer these questions then add up your weekly score.

- # of mins. in the shower/day: _____ x 15 x 7 days= _____
- # of times you flush the toilet/day: _____ x 20 x 7 days= _____
- # of toilets that leak in your house: _____ x 1000 x 7 days= _____
- # of leaky faucets in your house: _____ x 300 x 7 days= _____
- # of full dishwasher loads/day: _____ x 50 x 7 days= _____
- # of full sinks hand-dishwashed/day: _____ x 35 x 7 days= _____
- # of full washing machine loads/day: _____ x 200 x 7 days= _____
- # of times the tap runs while brushing teeth/day: _____ x 10 x 7 days= _____
- # of times the tap runs while washing hands or face/day: _____ x 8 x 7 days= _____
- # of times a vehicle is washed/week: _____ x 400= _____
- # of minutes you water your lawn/week: _____ x 35= _____



Total litres per week 1: = _____

Total litres per week 2: = _____

Now calculate the difference between weeks to find out how much water you are saving!



SAVE the **MOST** WATER by ...



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So you have started turning off the tap when you brush your teeth, and wash your hands... so what's next?

The bathroom accounts for 65% of all **indoor** water use, and **outside** (during the summer) water use literally doubles. These three steps save the MOST water all year round.

STEP ONE - REPAIR LEAKS

Promptly repair leaking toilets, taps, outdoor faucets, pools, and any other leaks in/on your property.

MYTH: A leaking toilet is not a big deal
FACT: 25% of all toilets leak at a rate of 20 - 40 litres an hour, which wastes 175,000 - 350,000 litres of water per year. That's approximately 50,000 4 litre milk jugs full!



Bathrooms are the largest culprits of indoor water use because toilets, showers, and baths use a lot of water.

STEP TWO - RETROFIT

Replace old toilets (or even *displace water* in your toilet tank), and install low-flow showerheads so you *automatically* save water everytime you flush or shower... how easy is that!

Displace toilet tank water by putting a filled jar, bottle, or other filled item (e.g. plastic bag a.k.a. "hippo") directly into the toilet tank. Place it in a spot that will not interfere with the inner workings of the toilet, and you will save that same amount of water everytime you flush.



Displacing just one litre of water will save over 1000 litres a year (if you flush only three times a day!)... that's 250 four litre milk jugs full.

People often complain about using low-flow showerheads, so instead try using one that has multiple settings (low & regular).



Did you know... a six minute shower without a low-flow showerhead can use the same amount of water as a ½ filled bathtub!

STEP THREE - PROPER LAWN CARE

Only water your lawn for 30 minutes, twice a week to keep it green, and to encourage strong root growth all season.

One way to test your lawn is to step on it... if you leave footprints behind, it is time to water! Place a tuna can on the grass and water until it is full.



Choosing to grow drought hardy plants will save you time, energy, and of course, water!

MYTH: My brown grass needs a lot of water!
FACT: Grass *quickly* gets saturated; it simply *cannot* absorb more than 30 mins of watering at a time... period.

Think about how much water you could preserve for future generations of humans, plants, and animals alike...



“Water is Life, Use Responsibly!”