

# REDUCE WATER USE = PROTECT YOUR LAKE



**WHY** – when a drop of water goes into your septic a drop of waste water leaves your system. Septic systems need time to process each load of water, so minimize and spread water usage out. Average indoor water use = 329 litres – per person/day. Your tank will be full within a few days of pumpout. Drop in = Drop out

## BATHROOM

- Switch from a 13-litre flush toilet to a 3-litre flush toilet and save 50 litres a day per person (17,500 litres per year).
- Take Septic Showers = Lake Friendly Showers ... the average shower lasts 8 minutes. With a low flow shower head that equals 80 litres of water. Turn off the water while shampooing and soaping and save approximately 40 litres.
- Put a pail under the tap and collect the water while you are waiting for warm water – save another 8 litres. Use the water for gardens, toilet flushing etc.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.

## KITCHEN

- Use a dishwasher instead of hand washing ... It may feel good to wash by hand, but it's actually more wasteful: You use up to 108 litres of water per load by hand versus as little as 12 litres with an ENERGY STAR-rated dishwasher. If hand washing, capture the water and use for watering flowers etc.

## LAUNDRY ROOM

- A standard clothes washer can use 80 litres of water per load whereas the newer energy star front loaders use 39 litres or less.

Remember – if you do more than 1 load of laundry in a day you risk an overload of your septic system which means that untreated waste (toilet etc.) will exit your septic system and be headed for your lake. Minimize water use and spread it over the week.

## SOURCES

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