

Time For a Shower!

How long do you take to shower and how much water do you use? Find out by doing this easy experiment.

What you need:

- waterproof watch with second hand (or a clock you can see from your shower)
- 1-gallon bucket

What you do:

1. Record the amount of time it takes for your shower to fill a gallon of water into a bucket. This will help you determine the amount of water that you use . . . and save.
2. Take a shower, time it, and record your time.
3. On your next shower, time yourself while you thoroughly wet yourself then turn the water off. Soap down your body then time yourself while you rinse off with the shower back on. Record this time.
4. Compare the two-day measurement of running water time. How much time and water use did you save?

Example:

First day

It took 1 minute to fill a gallon bucket with water from your shower.

Your first shower lasted 12 minutes.

You used 12 gallons of water.

Second day

Your second shower lasted 6 minutes.

You used 6 gallons of water.

By shortening your shower, you save 6 gallons of water.

If you shower every day, you save about 180 gallons in a month!