

UK Water Consumption

Water Consumption Fact Box



Average UK household water use for everyday activities:

Taking a bath	80 litres
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Taking a shower	5 litres per min
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Flushing the toilet	9.5 litres
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Using a washing machine	80 litres
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It takes one litre of water to make a 100g chocolate bar

Seven litres of water are used to make one litre of beer

Nine litres of water are used for the paper in one magazine

100,000 litres of water are used to make one tonne of steel



But remember ... water can be fresh but never new. All the water in the world, in the ice caps, the oceans, the clouds, in the rivers and under the ground, is about a billion years old. There's always been the same stock of water on Earth, it just moves around the planet, changing to ice or seawater or rain. People can move it around too, **but** – we can't get any more of it! We'll just have to use our water stock carefully. And the tiny percentage of the Earth's water that humans can drink – fresh water – is ancient too. It could just be that a dinosaur, thousands of miles away, once drank your next gulp of water!