

How Much Water Does It Use?

Periodically the question arises as to what is the normal average gallons per day of water use by various establishments. I was recently thumbing through my "Operator's Companion," a handy pocket reference published by the folks at USA Bluebook, and came across the following information:

Apartments (per resident)	60 gallons per day
Dwellings (single family)	50-75 gallons per day
Factories (per person, per shift)	15-35 gallons per day
Motels (per guest present)	50 gallons per day
Laundries (per customer)	50 gallons per day
Offices (per person, per shift)	15 gallons per day
Restaurants (per customer)	7-10 gallons per day

Schools: per pupil

(with cafeteria, gym, showers) 25 gallons per day

(with only cafeteria) 20 gallons per day

You might also be interested in the amounts of water needed for various activities:

Laundry	20 to 45 gallons per load
Shower	20-30 gallons per shower
Tub Bath	30-40 gallons per bath
Dishwasher	15 to 30 gallons per load
Toilet	3.5 to 7 gallons per flush
Drinking water	1 - 2 quarts per day per person
Garbage disposal	5 gallons per minute use