

Water Usage Quiz – Answers

Match the activity with the amount of water usage. Write the letter of your answer next to the number in the blank. These are all estimates from the websites below.

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| __F__ 1. Take a 10 minute shower | A. 600,000 gallons |
| __I__ 2. Flush a toilet | B. 7 gallons |
| __B__ 3. Run a dishwasher on the short cycle | C. 2 liters |
| __H__ 4. Run a small load of laundry | D. 0.5 gallon |
| __D__ 5. Brush your teeth (wet brush and rinse briefly) | E. 340 billion gallons |
| __A__ 6. Fill an Olympic-sized swimming pool | F. 50 gallons |
| __C__ 7. The amount a human should drink a day | G. 100 gallons |
| __J__ 8. The amount a camel drinks at one time | H. 27 gallons |
| __E__ 9. Approximate water used in 1 day for the whole USA | I. 4-6 gallons |
| __G__ 10. Outdoor watering with a hose for 10 minutes | J. 30-50 gallons |

Facts and estimates were taken from the following websites:

<http://www.elmwoodpark.org/water/Facts.htm>

<http://www.kineticocolumbus.com/Columbus/Learn+About+Water/General+Water+Information/Water+Usage+Facts/>

<http://www.cityofsalem.net/Departments/PublicWorks/Operations/Customerservices/Pages/WaterUseFacts.aspx>

NOTES

1. Take a shower 10 minute shower - about 5 gallons per minute
5. It would use more water if you let it run while you brush
- Camel drink at one time: Accepted belief is anywhere between 30-50 gallons at one time.
9. This total includes water used in irrigation, in industry, in fire fighting and in street cleaning.