

Restroom Research

Examine your water saving ways with this lavatory analysis. Pick one restroom in your home/school/office and investigate the fixtures in the room.

What type of toilet is in this bathroom?

A. Ultra Low-Flush B. Low-Flush C. Regular Flow

Not sure? Here's how to investigate:

Look under the tank lid or just behind the seat --look for the toilet type or gallons per flush.

If the toilet type or gallons per flush is not indicated, here's how to find out:

- Get a container that shows measurement.
- Turn off the incoming water to the toilet.
- Mark the water level in the tank with a grease pencil or with tape.
- Flush the toilet.
- Use the pitcher to refill the tank (not the bowl) to the mark you made, noting how much water is needed.
- Add 1/2 gallon to the total (the amount that fills the toilet bowl).

Now compare your figure to the numbers below to determine which type of toilet you have.

- 5 to 7 gallons per flush = regular
- gallons per flush = low flush
- gallons per flush = ultra-low flush

Is toilet trash an issue for this toilet?

A. No B. Yes

Not Sure? Here's how to investigate:

Look around the toilet and see if there are additional trash cans for "toilet trash". If there are, you can answer A.

Does the faucet have an aerator installed?

A. Yes B. No

Not Sure? Here's how to investigate: look at the underside of your faucet to see if you have a little device with a screen making the water more bubbly--that is an aerator.

If you answered mostly A's then your restroom is well on it's way to being a water-saver. See what else you can do to conserve water in your restroom. What about the rest of your house? Check out <https://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/> for more ways to conserve.

