



# WHAT CAN WE DO?

Total households water consumption in Geneva: 26 million m<sup>3</sup>, this amount of drinking water would fill a tank the size of the «rade» as high as half of the «jet d'eau» (70 m).




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## In Switzerland too, water is precious, you can easily reduce your consumption by almost 60%


How can you easily save water (and money)


\* Drink tap water  
(water in bottle is 1000 to 10,000 times more expensive and requires energy for packaging, transport and waste treatment)


\*  Check and fix any water leaks  
(1 drop per min. = 9,000 L/year)


\* By watering your garden in the evening you prevent loss by evaporation

\* Have a shower (60 L) instead of a bath (220 L) and place a low-flow shower head (16 L), you will save also energy for heating the water 

\*  Toilets equipped with two buttons can save more than 43% of water

\*  Wash and dry only full loads of laundry and dishes

\*  Install water-saving devices on your faucets (up to 75% reduction of rate of flow)

\* Flushing the toilets is the main use of water per person. If you cannot equip your toilet with a saving button, at least lay a bottle full of water or sand to reduce the capacity 

\* If you are building a new house, consider the possibility to store the rain water for this purpose. Total rainfall in Geneva = 800 L/m<sup>2</sup>

**If everybody was applying these simple practices in Geneva, the total water saved would be the equivalent of 5000 olympic swimming pools.**

**This will generate a total savings of 27 million francs for the households.**