WATER SAVING TIPS

Showering and Bathing:
Combined, these two activities account for more than 27% of the water used in an average American residence. A ten minute shower can consume over 40 gallons of water. In order to reduce water lost to showering and bathing, consider taking shorter showers, and only shower once per day.

Toilet Flushing:
In the average home, toilet flushing accounts for over 800 gallons of water use per week. Installing low flow toilets, or toilets that utilize a dual-flush system, can reduce the impact of toilet flushing on your water use. Also, since toilet water need not be pure, greywater systems are an excellent way to solve this water conservation problem. If you suspect your toilet is leaking water and there are not always clear signs, you can contact the Williston Water Department and request a testing kit with instructions. (879-1239)

Dish Washing:
Washing dishes consumes more water than some people imagine. To cut down on wasted water, use the dishwasher--it only requires 8-12 gallons to get the job done. Hand washing, on the other hand, requires up to 20. If you must do the dishes by hand, fill the sink with soapy water rather than letting the faucet run constantly.

Clothes Washing:
Although modern washing machines are relatively efficient, washing clothing still consumes a good deal of water. To decrease water use, only run the washing machine when you have enough laundry to use the Large or Extra Large cycle. Also, consider purchasing a High Efficiency (HE) washing machine if you ever decide to upgrade your current model.

Links:
http://water.usgs.gov/edu/qa-home-percapita.html
http://www.epa.gov/watersense/pubs/simple_steps.html
http://town.williston.vt.us/calculator
Williston Water and Sewer Rates FAQ's