

Flushing the Toilet

- Avoid unnecessary flushing. One flushing uses up to 20 liters of water.

**It's a Toilet,
Not a Trashcan!**



- Don't use the toilet as trash receptacle. It clogs the system.

- Lower the water level in the water closet by bending the float rod downwards.

Sterilizing Bottles

- Don't throw away boiled water that has been used for sterilizing baby's feeding bottles. Use it:
 1. for baby's warm water bath;
 2. to clean grease-stained porcelain or plastic plates and other kitchen;
 3. to sterilize spoons and forks;
 4. to clean the kitchen sink: this washes out fatty residue which clogs the sink pipes;
 5. to disinfect frequently used areas such as the toilet seat and bathroom sink; it's safer and more practical to use than liquid disinfectants.

Cooking

- Use just the right amount of water to cover the food being cooked.
- Use a tight-fitting lid to conserve moisture. That way you also preserve food nutrients and flavor.
- Thaw frozen food at room temperature, not under a running tap.

Mopping the Floor and Cleaning House Windows/the Car

- A pail of water and mop for the floor/rag for the house windows and the car is better than a running hose, as the latter wastes 200 liters of water in only 5 minutes.



Watering Plants

- Water plants in the morning and/or evening, not at noon. Water dries up easily during noon time.
- Water flowering plants with water that has been used for cleaning and washing seafoods. Makes plants healthier, too.

DON'T WASTE WATER...

Fix dripping taps

- Replace worn-out washer immediately
- Replace faucet gasket if needed. A drip wastes 67.5 liters daily.



Repair leaks

- Close the stop cock/gate valve.
- Call a licensed plumber or repair the leaking pipe immediately.
- Report all leaks immediately. Remember that:
 1. A 0.8mm diameter hole (as big as a ballpen point) wastes as much as 900 liters of water daily.

2. A 1.6mm diameter hole wastes as much as 10,000 liters of water daily.
3. A 3.2mm diameter hole (as big as a mongo bean) wastes as much as 14,000 liters of water daily.

Fix overflowing water closets

- Bend the float rod downwards, to lower the water level.
- Replace the float rod with a new one if necessary. An overflowing water closet wastes 4,000 liters daily.

CHECK THOSE LEAKS!

Any of the following indicates a leak:

- a dip in water pressure;
- dampness of the ground;
- a running water meter although all faucets and taps are closed;
- difference in the reading of water meter before retiring at night and early the next day (when no faucets have been opened yet).

It's easy to find out if there's a leak in your toilet. Before retiring at night, put a few drops of colored liquid inside the water closet. If the colored liquid appears in the toilet bowl the next day, then there's a leak and this is likely due to a defect in the shut-off device of the water closet.

HOW TO READ YOUR WATER METER

Straight-reading type meter

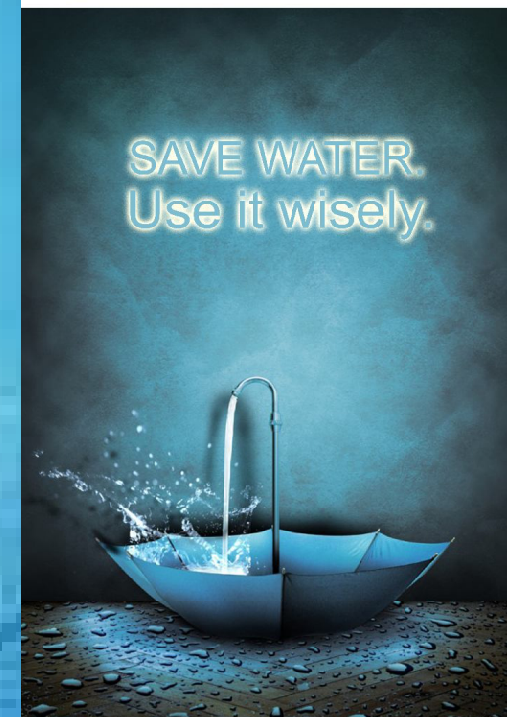
- Read only the black numbers. These indicate the volume of consumption in cubic meters.
- To determine consumption for the current month, deduct the previous month's reading from the cumulative reading.

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The BCWD: A Commitment for Quality Water and Service



The Butuan City Water District was created on April 1, 1974, by then Municipal Board of Butuan City, covered by Resolution No. 256, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 198, as amended, otherwise known as the "Presidential Water Utilities Act of 1973."

At the start of its operation, there were only about 700 service connections primarily generated within the City proper, Thirty nine years later, its service area stretches to 53 urban and rural barangays, sufficiently supplied with potable drinking water.

Today, the BCWD boasts with 34, 285 active service connections generated as of December 31, 2011. Distribution lines covering more barangays are scheduled for activation anytime after the planned expansion projects shall be completed.

Every year, we celebrated "Water Consciousness Week" on March 26 to April 1 as officially proclaimed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Butuan, pursuant to Resolution No. 131-2001.

Water Conservation - Why?

One of the most abundant natural resources that God has given to man for his use is fresh, potable water. In the past, the rivers, the lakes, the springs and other sources of fresh water used to overflow with this precious commodity, however, man's wanton use and abuse has let to its gradual extinction apart from the repercussions of growing population and the massive resultant effects of man's obsession for the luxury and convenience of modern living.

If such misuse and total negligence to the conservation and preservation of water continue - then not for long we break into the threshold of impending water shortage. Such alarming scenario is a call for concern as we look back with sobriety what we did in caring for this priceless commodity. Certainly, nature has no hand over this but by man's use of it with careless abandon.

Now is the time to act together - drawing cohesive efforts to take care of this life-saving elixir - from its very source. This means taking care of the environment and the ecosystem like the watershed - its preservation and conservation.



Do Your Share



Whether washing clothes/dishes or cooking, watering the plants or cleaning the house, or simply showering or bathing, it's best to use just enough water. NO overflowing basins or pails. AVOID washing directly under a running tap. Turn off all faucets when not in use. Check all faucets for leaks.

Above all, be a little prudent and practical in using water at all times.

Water Saving Tips

Washing Clothes

- Soak heavily soiled clothes to remove dirt easily.
- Save the rinse water for flushing the toilet or cleaning the yard.
- When using a washing machine, utilize the economy cycle, instead of the normal cycle, as it requires less water.



Washing Dishes

- Wash lightly greased dishes (glasses, cups, saucers) first, before the greasy ones (plates, bowls, pots, pans, utensils.)
- Use rinse water to clean the kitchen sink or wash rags.

Taking a Shower

- Shut off the tap while soaping up.
- Don't stay under the shower longer than necessary.



Brushing Your Teeth and Shaving



- Don't leave the tap running while brushing your teeth or shaving. Use a glass with enough water, instead.

