

Did You Know?

Leaving the water running while brushing your teeth wastes up to 15 litres of water each time you brush. As part of the Québec Drinking Water Conservation Strategy, the Government of Québec has established a water consumption target of 184 litres per person per day for the Village of Hemmingford. In 2024, the average water consumption in the village was 253 litres per person per day. Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth is a simple action that helps reduce water waste and brings our municipality closer to achieving this goal. Here's how water is wasted, and some easy ways to prevent it:

How Much Water Is Wasted?

- **Average flow rate:** A typical household faucet runs at about **12 litres per minute**.
- **Brushing time:** The recommended brushing time is **2 minutes**.
- **Calculation:** 2 minutes $\times$ 12 litres per minute = **24 litres**.
- **Result:** Up to **24 litres of water** can be wasted during a single brushing if you leave the tap running the entire time.

Simple Ways to Save Water

- **Use a cup:** Fill a small cup with water to rinse your mouth. This uses **less than half a litre** of water.
- **Turn off the tap:** Wet your toothbrush, turn off the tap, brush your teeth, then turn the water back on only to rinse your toothbrush.
- **Fix leaks:** Even a slowly dripping faucet wastes a surprising amount of water. Repair leaking faucets in your home as soon as possible.

