

WATER FOOTPRINTS



Water doesn't just go down the drain when we brush our teeth or wash dishes. Almost everything we eat, buy and throw away is also made with water— This is called a “water footprint”.



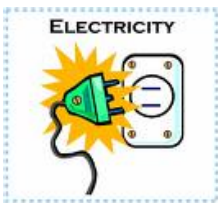
Plastic

The water footprint of a pound of plastic is 24 gal. and it takes about 1.5 gal to make the average plastic bottle— this means your bottled water, juice or soda uses 3-5 times as much water to make as it contains.



Food

The water footprint of a pound of beef is 1,500 gal. including the water used to clean and feed the cow— this means that the average American diet takes 1,052 gal of water a day to produce.



Energy

The water footprint of America's electricity is 40% of the country's entire fresh water use. Due to the use of thermoelectric power plants, which use heat to make electricity and then use water to cool down, the average American uses 4.5 gal/ day to power their homes.

For more information on how to reduce your water use, contact the Yorba Linda Water District at 714-701-3000 or www.ylwd.com.