








the real cost of water

Each Clay Rural Water member is billed for their monthly water use in 1,000 gallon units. An average residential member uses an average of 5,000 gallons per month excluding outdoor uses. The average cost for 5,000 gallons amongst the water systems various rate structures is \$59.00 or 1.2 cents per gallon. Pricing water by the gallon puts the real cost of water in a different light.

Based on that 1.2 cent cost, following are the costs for water use for various home activities. Please note that the efficiency rating of various plumbing fixtures will affect total water use.

HOUSEHOLD FIXTURE	TOTAL USE x COST PER GALLON	TOTAL COST
 Toilet <i>(per flush)</i>	3 gallons x 1.2¢	3.6¢
 Shower <i>(5 minutes)</i>	10 gallons x 1.2¢	12¢
 Bathtub	40 gallons x 1.2¢	48¢
 Faucet <i>(running for one minute)</i>	2 gallons x 1.2¢	2.4¢
 Automatic Dishwasher <i>(12 gallons per normal load)</i>	12 gallons x 1.2¢	14.4¢
 Handwashing Dishes <i>(5-10 gallons)</i>	7.5 gallons x 1.2¢	9¢
 Clothes Washer <i>(full load)</i>	35 gallons x 1.2¢	42¢