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Submission: I am not charged for the actual consumption of water and believe this to be unfair and counter productive to encouraging less usage of water. Let's see how it affects me:
[redacted]. We take quick showers. We flush only a few times a day and use the washing machine about 3 times a week on a quick cycle. I water potplants with a bucket and very rarely use the hose. I have a small dishwasher and we use it only when full, perhaps 5 times per week. We never have baths. All up our consumption of water is low and also we travel quite a bit for 2-3 months per year and then noone is at home. My neighbours have a family of 4. They hose their tiles and garden regularly, wash clothes daily, have a large dishwasher, take baths and long showers and I'm guessing would use 3 or 4 times the water that we do. My other neighbour, an elderly gent, has no dishwasher, uses the washing machine once a week and showers every few days. He never uses a hose. So why do we all get charged an unregulated rate that is not tied to usage? It is not a fair system.