

Saving Water Saves Money

Securing water leaks saves money.

Leaking toilets can account for a surprisingly large amount of water, as most leaks are located in the tanks where they can't be seen or heard. Leaking faucets, event those with small leaks of 60 drops per minute, can waste around 260 gallons per month. Most leaks at faucets and toilets can be repaired with simple tools and inexpensive parts available at most hardware stores.

If you suspect a leak from your toilet, you can acquire leak detection tabs from the Utility Office, for free, or add food coloring to the tank, and follow the instructions provided here:

TOILET LEAK DETECTION

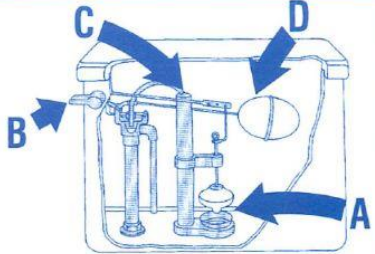


Leaks always get larger and cost you more the longer you wait.

LEAK TEST

- 1 Wait 5-10 minutes after the last flush cycle to perform the leak test.
- 2 Remove the cover. Gently drop one Leak Detective tablet into tank. Do not flush.
- 3 Wait 15-20 minutes.
- 4 If blue dye color appears in bowl, you have a leak. (Don't worry, it won't stain the bowl).

SOURCES OF THE LEAK MAY BE:



- 1 The flapper valve and valve seat (A) have deteriorated or corroded.
- 2 The flushing arm and lift chain (B) are not working properly.
- 3 The water level in the tank is too high and spills into the overflow tube (C).
- 4 The float rod, ballcock and/or float ball (D) are corroded.

Replacement parts are available at hardware and plumbing supply stores or consult your local plumbing professional.

Check your water system for leaks.

Here's how to tell if you have a leak and how much water you are losing.

- 1) Find your water meter- It may be in the basement or where the water line enters your home. Some meters are not accessible to homeowners, or tenants. Check with water officials or landlords if you can't find your meter.
- 2) Read the meter twice- Read it first at night, after the day's water use has ended -- and

again in the morning, before any water is used.

3) Find the difference- Subtract the first reading from the second reading to tell how much water leaked overnight.

4) Look for leaks- Find them by checking pipes, hoses, and connections. Have leaks repaired quickly.

[EPA Fix a Leak Webpage](#)

To learn more about saving water and finding leaks go the [EPA WaterSense webpage](#) and the "Use Water Wisely, Control Water Costs" pamphlet available at City Hall or [printable here](#).

Reducing usage saves money.

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