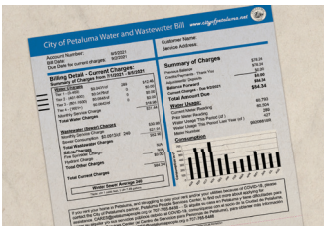


SAVE WATER - CHECK FOR LEAKS

SAVE WATER AND SAVE MONEY!

TAKE 10-MINUTES TO CHECK FOR LEAKS

In just 10 minutes you can search your home for leaks and reduce water waste. Start with the steps below and then see the back side of this sheet for a checklist to help chase down leaks.



STEP 1:

Check Your Water Bill

Water usage spikes can indicate a leak. Compare current water bill with previous month's water bill.



STEP 2:

Read Your Water Meter

Turn off all fixtures. If the water meter continues to spin, you have a leak. Learn how to use your water meter to check for leaks by visiting cityofpetaluma.org/watermeter.



STEP 3:

Test Your Toilet for Leaks

Pick up FREE dye tabs provided by the City of Petaluma and test your toilet for leaks. Learn more about all of the free water-saving devices available to water customers at cityofpetaluma.org/free.



HOW THE CITY CAN HELP YOU

LIVE A WATER-WISE LIFESTYLE

WATER-WISE HOUSECALL: Schedule a free visit from a water conservation expert and get advice on how to save water at home and at work.

FREE WATER SAVING DEVICES & SUPPLIES: Faucet aerators, hose-end nozzles, shower heads, toilet leak detection tablets, etc.



USE THIS CHECKLIST TO CHASE DOWN LEAKS

Some leaks require a simple fix—a worn toilet flapper, loose pipe connection, or showerhead with stray spray. But you may need help from a licensed plumber to fix leaks that occur in toilets, irrigation systems, water heaters, and water pipes. Take a quick inventory of clues to water waste:

IN THE BATHROOM

- ☐ Toilets: Listen for running water and conduct the dye tab test. Place tabs into the tank at the back of the toilet and wait 10 minutes. If color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.
- ☐ Faucets: With the tap off, look and listen for drips.
- ☐ Showerheads: Turn on and look for drips that can be stopped with plumber's tape.
- ☐ In the tub: Turn on the tub, then divert the water to the shower and see if there's still a lot of water coming from the tub spout; that could mean the tub spout diverter needs replacing.
- ☐ Under the sink: Check for pooling water sink for evidence of a leaking pipe.

IN THE KITCHEN

- ☐ Faucet: Listen for drips and tighten aerators or replace fixtures if necessary.
- ☐ Sprayer: Check to make sure water is spraying smoothly and clean openings as needed.
- ☐ Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges.
- ☐ Appliances: Check for pooling water underneath dishwashers and refrigerators with ice makers, which could indicate a supply line leak.

IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM AND/OR UTILITY ROOM

- ☐ Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipe connections.
- ☐ Clothes washer: Check for pooling water, which could indicate a supply line leak.
- ☐ Water heater: Check beneath the tank for pooling water, rust, or other signs of leakage.

DON'T FORGET TO GO OUTSIDE

- ☐ At the spigot: Ensure tight connections with the hose and see if the hose washer needs replacing.

IN-GROUND IRRIGATION SYSTEM:

- ☐ Walk the areas irrigated by your system, look for wet spots, holes, or depressions for signs of an underground leak.
- ☐ Turn on your irrigation system and look for leaks that may only occur when the system is running.
- ☐ Check for broken sprinklers, or sprinkler heads that are seeping or leaking.
- ☐ Inspect drip emitters, look for cracks, or missing pieces.

THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

If any of your fixtures needs replacing, remember to look for the WaterSense label when purchasing plumbing products. WaterSense labeled products are independently certified to use at least 20 percent less water and perform as well or better than standard models. For more information, visit epa.gov/watersense.

