

# FIX A LEAK WEEK

**Do you  
have time  
to save  
money?**



**Participate in the annual Fix a Leak Week campaign, March 14-20 promoted by EPA WaterSense to see if your household is leaking water & money.**

## **THE FACTS ON LEAKS:**

- The average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year.
- Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.
- Check water meter before & after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If it does not read exactly the same, you may have a leak.

## **Faucets and Showerheads:**

- A leaky faucet can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That's the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers!
- Leaky faucets can be fixed by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary.
- Most leaky showerheads can be fixed by ensuring a tight connection using pipe tape and a wrench.

## **Toilets:**

- To find a toilet leak, place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this to avoid staining the tank.
- If your toilet is leaking, the cause is often an old, faulty toilet flapper that needs to be replaced.

## **Outdoors:**

- An irrigation system should be checked each spring before use to make sure it was not damaged by frost or freezing.
- An irrigation system that has a very small leak can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.



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