

# IN THE PIPELINE

## EVERY DROP COUNTS

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**SPOT LEAKS, SAVE MONEY!**

Even the smallest leaks and drips can add up to big bucks.  
Here are a few things of which to be aware!

### TOILETS

Toilets are often the biggest culprit of high-water usage. Sometimes they continue flowing because the flapper sticks or the chain gets caught on something inside the tank. Leaking toilets do not necessarily show obvious signs. A leaky toilet can waste more than 100 gallons of water per hour.

### SINKS, SHOWERS, AND BATHS

Replace leaky drain plugs in sinks and bathtubs. Check showerheads and tub faucets for leaks. To save water, consider replacing showerheads with a low-flow unit. Older fixtures can deliver as high as 8 gallons per minute. Most showerheads deliver 2.5 gallons per minute.

### OUTSIDE

Check outside hose bibs or any other water line that is above ground. Signs of an outside leak include a wet spot or flow of water over the ground. Don't forget to check in-ground irrigation systems often and be sure there are no broken or missing sprinkler heads. Sprinkler heads can lose around 10-20 gallons per minute. Additionally, unattended garden hoses can pour out hundreds of gallons of water in an hour. Check all hoses, connectors, and spigots regularly to make sure they are in working order.

### OTHER POSSIBLE LEAKS

Hot water tanks, water softeners, ice makers, swimming pools, and furnace humidifiers have the potential to leak. Beware of underground leaks or leaks behind walls and foundations, as these are harder to locate without obvious indicators.

### HOW TO CHECK FOR LEAKS

#### READ THE WATER METER

1. Turn off water to all toilets.
2. Note the meter reading. If the meter is still turning or registering water, it is likely not a toilet issue. If no water is registering, turn on one toilet at a time.
3. Check the meter to see if water is going through the meter. Continue this process for each toilet.

#### CHECK TOILETS FOR SILENT LEAKS

1. Remove the lid from the toilet tank.
2. Remove any bleaching agents.
3. Flush to clear the water in the bowl.
4. Add a few drops of food coloring or a colored instant drink mix to the tank. If there is a leak, the color will appear in the bowl within an hour.
5. Flush the remaining color from the tank as soon as the test is complete.



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