BY FINDING AND FIXING COMMON HOUSEHOLD LEAKS



Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.

Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. You have a leak if any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes. Be sure to flush immediately after the test to avoid staining the tank.







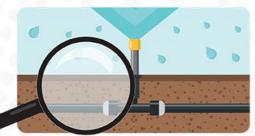
Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on their surface.



Old or worn out toilet flappers are often the cause of toilet leaks. Fixing them can be an easy and inexpensive repair.

Some leaky showerheads can be fixed by ensuring there is a tight connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem, and by using pipe tape to secure it.





Check your in-ground irrigation system each spring before use to make sure it wasn't damaged by frost or freezing. A leak that is 1/32nd of an inch can still waste up to

6,300 GALLONS
of water per month.



If you can't repair leaking fixtures, it might be time to replace them. Look for the WaterSense label when considering a new toilet, faucet, or showerhead.



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For more information on finding and fixing leaks, visit the Fix a Leak Week website. www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week