



DETECTING HOME WATER LEAKS

Have you checked your home for water leaks? Water leaks waste lots of water and can be very costly. Here are some simple things you can do to detect leaks in your home. One of the first places to investigate for leaks is in the bathroom.

◆ **Toilets:** Put some food dye in the tank and then leave for 15 minutes. When you return, look into your bowl to see if there is now dye color in the water. If there is color, or if you can hear or see water running into the toilet's bowl, it's time for a new flapper. Leaking toilets cause more water waste than any other fixture in the home. Even a silent leak that you can't hear can waste from 30 to 500 gallons of water per day! The ones you can hear will waste much, much more. Such wastage can normally be attributed to a faulty water level adjustment or to a leaky flapper.

◆ **Faucets:** Regularly check for leaky faucets in your home. Leaky faucets, while not as serious a problem as leaky toilets, can waste a significant amount of water. Faucets typically leak because of old gaskets or O-rings and corroded valve seats. Remove the defective parts and take them with you so you can buy the correct replacement parts. A dripping faucet can waste over 500 gallons of water per month, and a continuous stream of water leaking from a faucet can waste thousands of gallons of water each month.

Finding and repairing leaks will save water and money. If you suspect a leak, do not hesitate to call us if you need help in detecting it. Our consumer service staff is available to assist you during normal working hours and there is no charge for this service.

**REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN BE
AN EFFECTIVE LEAK DETECTIVE!**