

Water consumption seem excessive?

Things to check before you call:



FAUCETS

A slow drip (10 drips/min) wastes approx 1 gallon/day, up to 300 gallons/year. The more drips/min, the more gallons wasted.

What causes leaks?

A leaky faucet often requires replacing a washer or O-ring - a cheap and easy fix!



TOILETS

The average leak is 200 gallons/day, up to 72,000 gallons/year. Leaky toilets can result in tens of thousands of gallons wasted/year.

What causes leaks?

Worn out flapper - rubber seal controlling water flow from tank to bowl has failed
Incorrect float setting - causes water to continuously flow into overflow tube
Defective fill valve - fails to shut off water properly

HOW TO CHECK FOR A LEAKY TOILET

FOOD COLORING TEST:

1. Remove the tank lid
2. Place a dye tablet or 10 drops of food coloring inside the tank.
3. Let stand for at least 15-20 minutes. 
4. If the water in your bowl turns the color of the dye/food coloring, you have a leak.

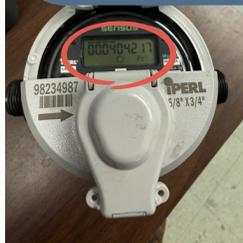
SKIP THE DYE TEST -



CHECK YOUR METER

1. Turn off **ALL water** (close faucets, showers, appliances, etc.).
2. **Locate the meter** and carefully open the lid.
3. **Locate the "leak detector"** (triangle, star-shaped, or small sweep hand).
4. **Watch for movement** (movement = water flowing through the meter = leak).

Examples of where to find the "leak detector"



CONFIRM A LEAK: Double-check that the water is off and no one is using it. Indicator still moving? Likely a leak.

FOR VERY SLOW LEAKS: Keep the water off and note the reading. Check if it has changed after a few hours (or overnight).

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