

Detect Your Leaks



**Save Water
and Money—
Stop Those
Leaks!**

How much money are your leaks costing?

It's a tiny leak, how bad could it be? Even small leaks and drips add up fast. For example:

- Dripping indoor faucet = **\$10/month**
- Dribbling or steady stream outdoor faucet = **\$50–\$100/month**
- Leaking Toilet = **\$50–\$100/month**

= \$110–\$210/month or \$1,320–\$2,520/year



How much water are your leaks wasting?

1 drop per second—192 gallons/
month = **2,304 gallons/year**

2 drops per second—429 gallons/
month = **5,148 gallons/year**



Did you know that the most common cause of dripping faucets and shower heads is a worn-out-washer? Did you know the cost of the washer needed to repair a leak is **less than 10 cents**?

If your water bill suddenly increases, but you haven't changed the way you use water, chances are you've sprung a leak. If you can not identify visible leaks, **read your water meter**. It's good preventive maintenance to conduct a leak check of your house once or twice a year.

How to Read Your Meter:

1. Turn off all water—inside and outside, including your automatic icemaker and evaporative cooler.
2. Record the reading on your water meter.
3. Wait 30 minutes.
4. Record the new reading on your water meter. If the reading has changed, you have a leak.

Leaking Toilets— the Biggest Water Waster



Leaking toilets cause more water waste than any other fixture in the home, resulting in high water usage and high water bills.

4 out of 5 toilets over 2 years old leak, even high efficiency toilets. A silent toilet leak will waste from **30 to 500 gallons of water per day**—that's approximately **180,000 gallons per year!** The ones you can hear will waste much, much more water. Most people will say their toilet does not leak. There is one way to know for sure—use the attached tablets to perform a DYE TEST, it's easy and fast!

So you have done the dye test and discovered that your toilet is leaking, you now have to find out which part is the culprit... the flapper or the float ball/cup.

A leaking toilet should never be ignored; it can be a very costly oversight. The replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to fix. Fix a leak; save hundreds of dollars a year and do your part to help conserve Colorado's water!



For further assistance on toilet leak repairs, visit our website for links to additional resources, or call a plumber.



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