

TODD CREEK VILLAGE

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT



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Are There Water Leaks Hiding in Your Home?

According to the EPA, household leaks waste approximately a trillion gallons of water annually nationwide. The average household's leaks can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, and 10% of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. The most common types of leaks are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves and are often easy to fix, requiring only basic tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings. The EPA encourages an annual hunt for drips during "Fix a Leak Week" (March 11-17, this year).

To check for leaks in your home, take a look at your water usage during a colder month when you are not irrigating. During winter months the average family of four should not exceed 12K gallons of water. If they do, there is probably a leak. To determine if you have a leak, check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all it's a good bet you have a leak.

Tips for Identifying Leaks

- Place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak (*flush immediately after to avoid staining the tank*).
- Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water or mineral deposit build-up on the outside of pipe for surface leaks.
- Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges under sinks and around appliances that use water (including water heater, washer, dishwasher, refrigerator/freezer with an ice maker).
- Check for drips or stray sprays on sink faucet sprayers and shower heads.
- Check the tub faucet while water is diverted to the shower. If a lot of water is coming from the tub spout the tub spout diverter may need replacing.
- Check for signs of moisture or discoloration from mold on your walls, ceilings, and floors. If you find some, it could mean there is a leak within the walls, and water damage is present.

Tips for Preventing Leaks

- To help prevent faucet leaks, clean hard water mineral deposit build-up in openings and faucet heads as needed.
- Replace aging fixtures, gaskets, washers, plumbers tape, etc., as needed. Look for the WaterSense® label when purchasing plumbing products. This indicates independent certification to use at least 20% less water and perform as well as, or better than, standard models.

For information about your water quality and much more, be sure to check the FAQ section of our website.

THE FACTS ON LEAKS

- 10** percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.
- A leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drip per second can waste **3,000 gallons** per year.
- Did you know?** Floor water leaks account for more than **1 trillion gallons** of wasted water each year and is equal to annual household water use in **11 million homes**.
- A shower leaking at **10 Drips** per minute wastes more than **500 gallons** per year.
- REPAIR** leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary.
- Replace old toilets with WaterSense labeled models & save **13,000** gallons of water savings for the average family.
- Homeowners** can save **10 percent** on their water bills.
- Look for **WaterSense** labels. EPA Challenge.

EPA | epa.gov/watersense

TRANSPARENCY NOTICE: Board Meetings are held every 2nd Thursday at 2:00 pm via Zoom. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend.



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