

TAKE THE **10** MINUTE CHALLENGE TO FIND & FIX LEAKS



Did you know that an average household's leaks could account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year? That's enough water for 300 loads of laundry!

Celebrate Fix a Leak Week by taking ten minutes to search your home for leaks. Use the checklist below to get started and visit epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak to learn more.

- Toilets:** listen for running water and check for silent leaks by following the steps on the back of this insert
- Faucets:** listen for drips, tighten aerators and look for water pooling under the sink
- Showerheads & Tubs:** listen for drips and check the tub spout diverter
- Appliances:** check for pooling water underneath dishwashers, refrigerators, clothes washers and water heaters
- Sprinkler Systems:** check for broken sprinklers and do a sprinkler check-up before watering season begins
- Outdoor Spigots:** ensure tight connections with the hose



Check for silent toilet leaks with four simple steps

1 Remove the tank lid.



2 Put a few drops of food coloring in the tank.



3 Wait for 15 minutes. Don't flush!



4 See color in the bowl? There's a leak!



No food coloring on hand? Use a dark liquid, like soda or room temperature coffee. Make sure to flush after the test to avoid staining.

Found a leak? Replacing a worn-out toilet flapper can be a low-cost and easy DIY project. A good rule of thumb is to check and replace flappers every five years.

Replacing your toilet? Look for a WaterSense® labeled model that uses less water, saving you money in the long-run.

Visit [SqueezeEveryDrop.com](https://www.squeezeeverydrop.com) for more indoor water-saving tips.