

# TAKE THE 10 MINUTE CHALLENGE TO FIND AND FIX LEAKS



Note high usage spikes on your water bill and take a look at your water meter. If the dial is spinning even when you're not using water, you may have a leak.



Drop a dye tab (or any dark colored liquid) into your toilet tank. If colored water from the tank appears in the bowl after 15 minutes, you may have a leak.



Check outdoor spigots, irrigation systems, and pools. Sprinkler heads can develop leaks after being run over or hit with lawnmowers.



Listen and watch for bathroom and kitchen faucet drips. Clean or replace washers and aerators, and ensure the hardware is properly tightened.



Refrigerators and washing machines can leak from faulty gaskets and loose water connections. Ensure these are tightened and in good repair.



Inspect water heaters for rust, pooling water, or other signs of leakage. Loose valves, high water pressure, and sedimentation are common causes of leaks.

*For more tips on finding and fixing leaks at home, visit*

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# DID YOU KNOW...

- Household leaks can waste more than one trillion gallons annually nationwide.
- Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about ten percent on their water bills.
- Some of the most common leaks (like worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking showerheads) can be easy and low-cost to fix.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense™ program kicks off **Fix a Leak Week** from **March 18 - 24, 2024**. Check out our social media pages and [SqueezeEveryDrop.com](https://www.squeezeeverydrop.com) for information on upcoming workshops and events and to learn more helpful tips for saving water as we celebrate Fix A Leak Week all month long.

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