





Do You Have A Leak?


 Walk through your house and listen for running toilets and look for drippy faucets.

 To tell if your toilet has a leak, place a drop of food coloring in the tank. If the color shows in the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak.

 Check your winter water use. It's likely a family of four has a serious leak if winter water use exceeds 36,000 gallons per quarter.

 If you're unsure whether you have a leak, read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes, you probably have a leak.



 Hidden water leaks can waste thousands of gallons - costing you money and wasting precious water resources.



EPA's WaterSense Program is a partnership to help protect the future of the nation's water supply by promoting efficiency and enhancing the market for water-efficient products, programs, and practices.

For more information visit:
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Every Drop Counts....



Fix a Leak Week

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Save water and money!

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What is Fix a Leak Week?

The amount of water lost from leaks in U.S. homes each year exceeds 1 trillion gallons. That's equivalent to the annual water use of Los Angeles,



Chicago, and Miami combined!

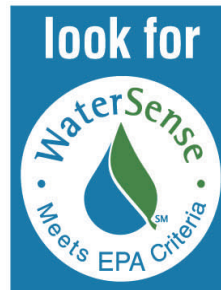
Fix a Leak Week is intended to remind Americans to identify and repair leaks in their household plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems.

The Public Service Commission and a growing number of Wisconsin water utilities are promoting water conservation and efficiency as a way to reduce costs and to protect existing water supplies. **Fix a Leak Week** is one way to promote water conservation in your community.

The average American home can waste as much as 11,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks.

What can I do?

Replace products in your home with WaterSense-labeled plumbing fixtures. Environmental Protection Agency estimates a family of four can save more than \$90 per year in reduced water and sewer utility bills by replacing older toilets (1994 or earlier) with WaterSense models.



Products with this label save water and money.

Grab a wrench or contact your favorite handy person to address leaking toilets, faucets, and other plumbing fixtures around your home. A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That's enough water to flush a WaterSense-labeled toilet for six months!

Save Water, Save Energy

It takes a considerable amount of energy to deliver and treat the water you use everyday. Letting your faucet run for five minutes uses about as much energy as using a 60-watt light bulb for 14 hours.

By reducing household water use, you can reduce the energy required to supply and treat public water supplies.



If one out of every 100 American homes was retrofitted with water efficient fixtures, we could avoid 80,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions. That is equivalent to removing nearly 15,000 automobiles from the road for one year.