

## LEAKS COST YOU MONEY

To check leaks in your home, turn off all water fixtures in your house, then check your water meter. If the red dial or the numbers on your meter are moving you have a leak.

### TOILET LEAKS

A leaking toilet can waste 200 or 300 gallons of water a day. To check for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. After a few minutes if the food color appears in the toilet bowl, this is an indication the plunger ball (in the toilet tank) is not "seating" or the float needs adjusting. If this does not work, then replacement may be necessary.

### FAUCET LEAKS

The following gives the amount of water wasted from dripping or leaking faucets:  
Faucets dripping a rate of one drop per second will waste over 2,700 gallons per year.  
Faucets with a slow steady drip can waste up to 1,460 per month/17,520 gallons per year.

### OTHER LEAK INFORMATION

1. A ½ gallon per minute leak is 740 gallons per day or 22,495 gallons per month that you will be paying for.
2. A 1/16 inch leak at 60 psi will waste 24,666 gallons per month
3. A 1/8 inch leak at 60 psi will waste 98,666 gallons per month
4. A 3/16 inch leak at 60 psi will waste 222,000 gallons per month
5. A ¼ inch leak at 60 psi will waste 393,833 gallons per month

### LANDSCAPING WATERING CONSERVATION TIPS

Water early in the morning or in the evening (before the sun comes up or after it sets).

Through evaporation on hot days you can lose over 50% of the water.

Avoid watering on windy days.

Water in several short sessions rather than one long session.

Avoid sprinklers that spray fine mist, which increases evaporation.

Make sure your sprinkler is placed so it only waters the lawn, not the house or driveway.

Do not use open ended hoses.

Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. Use a hose timer. This will allow the water to be turning off when you forget.

Do not leave water running all day or night. Your lawn can only absorb so much water the rest is wasted.

Raise your lawnmower cutting height – longer grass blades help shade each other, and cut down evaporation.

Water trees and shrubs, which have deep root systems, longer and less frequently than shallow-rooted plants which require smaller amounts of water more often.

Check for leaks on all hose connections and hose bibs regularly.