



This Summer  
**Reduce Your Use!**

## **Leaking Toilets Waste Water and Cost You Money**

Toilets are the biggest source of water leaks in many homes and businesses. A leaking toilet can waste 5,000 to 10,000 gallons per month.

### **How to Check for Leaks in Your Toilets**

1. Lift the cover on the toilet tank and place one of the attached dye tablets in the tank.
2. Wait 15 minutes. If colored water appears in the toilet bowl, you have a leak.

### **How to Fix Toilet Leaks**

Most toilets have a chain attached to a "flapper ball" that fits into the flush valve. The flapper ball may be worn and needs to be replaced. Replacement flapper valves can be purchased inexpensively at hardware and home improvement stores and are easy to install.

Another possible source of leaks is the overflow tube. Sprinkle a small amount of talcum powder on top of the water in the tank. If the powder moves toward the overflow tube, you probably have an overflow leak. Gently bend the float arm down to adjust the height of the float until the water shuts off. If you have a newer toilet that doesn't have a float arm, adjust the ballcock float level. If your toilet whistles or whines and won't shut off, you may need a new ballcock assembly. Hardware stores sell complete replacement kits with instructions. Or, call your local plumber.

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