

Uncover the truth. Be a water sleuth!

Find silent
toilet leaks
with this blue
tablet



By identifying and repairing leaks, you can reduce your water bill while helping to conserve a precious natural resource.

Because toilet leaks are often silent, you may not know that you have one. The non-toxic dye tablets in this kit give you a quick, easy way to check.



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Directions

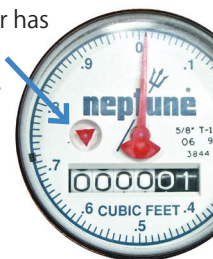
Test the toilet by dropping one enclosed dye tablet into the tank top. Leave 15-20 minutes without flushing. If the water changes color inside the toilet bowl, then leaks are present.

Toilet leaks often are caused by a bad flapper. Other sources include a bad flapper valve seat or water control valve, an improperly positioned float arm, or a defective overflow tube. Simple video instructions on how to repair a leaky toilet are available at www.conserveh2o.org.

Little Drops Add Up!

Use your water meter to check for leaks

Start by making sure that all water-using appliances inside and outside the house are not in use. Turn off automatic ice-makers too. If your meter has a low flow indicator (see example), it should not be turning. If it is, water is passing through the meter and there are leaks. Otherwise, note the meter reading on the dial and then check again after an hour. If the meter has moved, then you likely have leaks.



Fix dripping faucets and shower heads

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day? If the dripping water is hot, it's wasting energy and costing you to heat the water. A faucet leak is often caused by a bad rubber washer, which is typically located under the handle. Water dripping or running from the shower head when the shower is turned firmly off typically is caused by bad washers or seats in the valve. Check hardware or plumbing supply stores, home improvement centers, or the internet for replacement washers or parts.



Make water-efficient product choices—look for this label when you are shopping for plumbing fixtures.

www.epa.gov/watersense