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Waste Not, Pay Not



How Checking for Leaks Around
Your Home Can Save You Money

Water is our most precious resource;

it provides us with basic sanitation, disease protection, fire protection, environmental protection and economic development, enhancing our overall quality of life. Yet every day this valuable product is wasted without many of us even knowing it because of a leak inside or outside our homes.

Inside Your Home



For your toilets, flush your toilet once completely and wait five minutes. Add dark food coloring to the TANK of the toilet (not the bowl). DO NOT FLUSH. After waiting 15-20 minutes, check the bowl. If the dye color has made its way into the bowl, you have a leak.



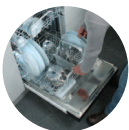
Usually it's as simple to fix as replacing your toilet flapper. Double-check your work with the same dye test. If you still have a leak, contact a licensed plumber.



For your sinks, make sure the flow of water completely stops when you turn off your faucet. Even the slightest, slowest leak can add up over time to a major waste of water. The same is true for your showerhead and bath faucet.



Your clothes washer can be a culprit. Make sure to check your connections on occasion and make sure they are tight and dry.



Dishwashers could be the cause of leaks; usually they're installed for us or came with the house. You should check your connections, however, to make sure they also remain tight and dry.

Outside Your Home

When using your hose, make sure it is well connected to your hose bib (the outside faucet). Leaks often occur right at the first connection. Check your hose for leaks, as well as the connections if you're linking two or more together in your yard. If your hoses are old, consider replacing them. You'll save money over time.

If you have an irrigation system, have it checked for leaks every year. Regularly inspect your grounds because a small irrigation leak can become a big mess. Signs of irrigation leaks include:

1. Seeing water running out of the yard;
2. Areas of lawn staying wetter than others even when the controller is turned off; and
3. Low pressure from your system when it is on and watering your lawn.

Here are some other ways you can keep from accidentally wasting water in and around your home:

- Don't use your toilet as a trash can. Throw away the small stuff instead of flushing it.
- Don't let the water run when you wash, brush your teeth, shave or wash dishes.
- Use your washers and dishwashers on the appropriate settings for their loads.
- Use a bucket when you wash your car. Rinse just at the beginning and the end.
- Use a rake or broom instead of washing debris off our driveways and sidewalks.

