

Easy Steps to Find Common

Household LEAKS



Depending on the style of water meter, if the **leak indicator is rotating** or the **numbers after the decimal are increasing** when no water is being used, you have a leak inside your home or building.



Leaking toilets can cause unexpected high water bills.

You can identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring or dye tablets in the toilet tank (City Hall Customer Service can provide dye tablets at no cost for you to test). If any color shows up in the bowl after 10-minutes, you have a leak. Be sure to flush immediately after the test to avoid staining the tank.

Turn the valve behind the toilet in the off position to stop the leak when not in use or until the repair is completed.



- Old or worn out toilet flappers are often the cause of toilet leaks.



- Examine the valve and pipe fittings for any water on their surface.



● Continuous Trickling

A trickling sound is a good indication water is running over the top of the overflow tube inside the tank. You can follow these steps to help fix the issue.

1. Remove the toilet tank lid to look for obvious problems with the flushing process.
2. Check to see if the refill water level is set properly & does not rise over the top of the overflow tube.
3. To lower the water level, adjust the float lower.
4. On a bulb-on-arm style toilet, adjust the screw near where the flow arm attaches to the float valve.
5. On newer valve and float units, adjust the float by moving the float downward on the vertical rod.
6. If the toilet continues to run, even with the float adjusted you should replace the refill valve with a new unit from your local hardware store or contact a licensed plumber for help.



Other common causes for leaks are outside spigots, indoor faucets and showerheads. Be sure check these areas around your home if you have a leak.