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LEAKS

Leaky toilets, faucets, showers and pipes can account for 10% percent of your water bill. Save water and save money by repairing those household leaks.

Did you know that a leaky toilet tank can waste as much as 60 gallons of water a day, or 22,000 gallons a year?

To check for a leak:

- Put a dozen drops of food coloring in your toilet tank.
- If color appears in the bowl within an hour, you've got a leak.
- Your flush valve or valve set could be corroded.
- Replacement parts are inexpensive and fairly simple to install.
- A trickling faucet can waste 19 gallons of water a day, or 7,000 thousand gallons a year. A new 25 cent washer can stop those leaks and it only takes a few minutes to install.
- Take a few minutes to check for wet areas around pipes in your basement, underneath sinks and behind the washing machine. Joints can be very susceptible to leaks.
- Check outside taps, particularly during the summer sprinkling season when a hose may be mistakenly left dripping. Close those faucets tight every time.