



EVERY DROP COUNTS

Minor water leaks in homes waste 1 trillion gallons of water every year.

Even a small drip from a faucet or shower can result in a costly problem. Watch for the warning signs to ensure there are no leaks hiding in your home. Many common household leaks are quick to find and easy to fix.

IN THE BATHROOM:

Toilets: Listen for running toilets, but keep in mind some toilet leaks can be very quiet or silent. One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes without flushing, you have a leak (make sure to flush immediately to keep the coloring from staining the tank).

Faucets: Listen for drips and turn on the tap to check for water going the wrong direction.

Showerheads: Turn on and look for drips or stray sprays that can be stopped with tape.

In the tub: Turn on the tub, then divert the water to the shower and see if there's still a lot of water coming from the tub spout; that could mean the tub spout diverter needs replacing.

Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges.

IN THE KITCHEN:

Faucets: Listen for drips and tighten aerators or replace fixtures if necessary.

Sprayer: Check to make sure water is spraying smoothly and clean openings as needed.

Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges.

Appliances: Check for pooling water underneath dishwashers and refrigerators with ice makers, which could indicate a supply line leak.

CHECK OUTSIDE YOUR HOME:

- Inspect outside spigots and garden hose connections
- An irrigation system should be checked each spring to confirm no damage by frost over the winter.

DON'T FORGET:

- Check out your basement sinks and toilets, which are often rarely used and have older fixtures.
- Inspect the laundry and utility room for possible leaks by the sink, clothes washer or water heater.
- Review your utility bill to examine your water usage during the winter months for any unusual spikes.
- Check that your water softener is not stuck in a continuous regeneration cycle.

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