

Showerhead Leaks

Some leaky showerheads are easy to fix, while others may need professional attention. Make sure there is a tight connection between the showerhead and pipe stem. You can use pipe tape, also called Teflon tape, to secure it. You may also need to replace the washer. If you suspect a valve leak, it's time to call the plumber.



Outdoor Leaks

Check your garden hose for leaks at the connection to the spigot. If it leaks, try replacing the washer to ensure a tight connection to the spigot. You can also use a wrench and pipe tape.

If you have in-ground irrigation, check to make sure it wasn't damaged by frost or freezing over the winter. If it leaks, it may require professional attention.

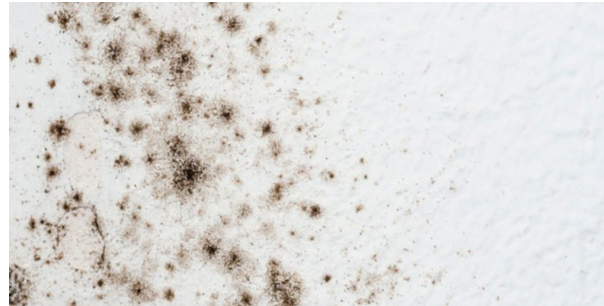


Suspected Leaks

If you see signs of moisture or mold on your walls, ceilings, floors - or you notice a musty smell, you may have a leak.

Pipes could be leaking behind walls, which requires the help of a plumber.

If any of your fixtures need replacing, look for a WaterSense label. Products with the label are independently certified to use at least 20 per cent less water and perform as well or better than standard models.



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Every Drop Counts!

Conserve Water and Save Money!

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Next time you get your water bill, take a look at how much water you're using. Monitor it monthly. If the bill increases you may be paying for water that is going right down the drain!

Where to look for Leaks

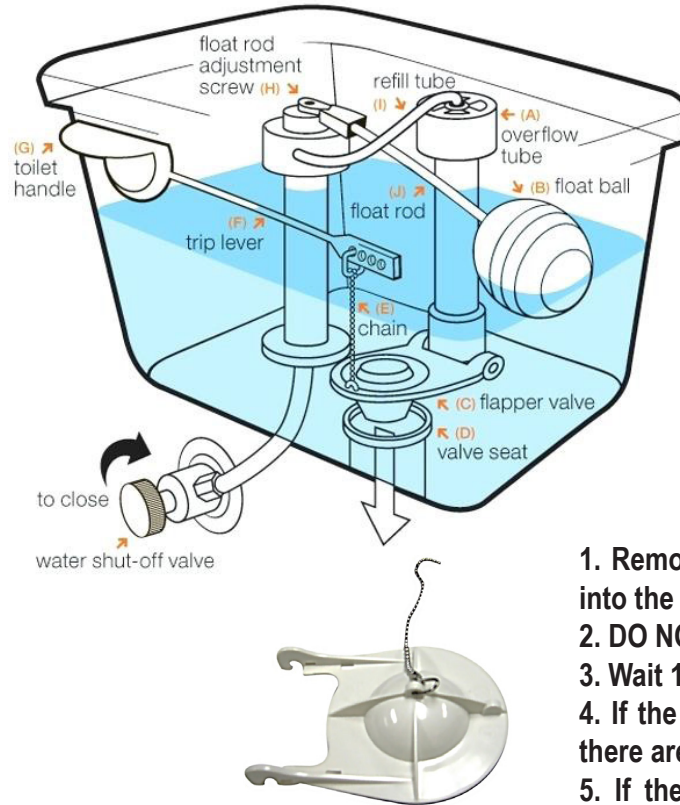


Faucet Leaks

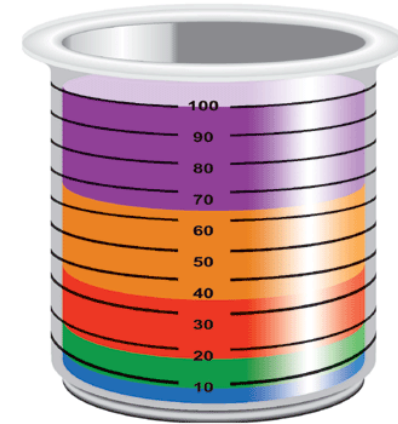
Old and worn washers and gaskets are frequently the cause of faucet leaks. If you attempt to fix the leak yourself, remember to turn the water off under the sink before you begin.

You should also close the drain and cover the bottom of the sink or bathtub with a soft cloth, so you don't lose any of the small parts. How-to videos are available on YouTube.

STOP FLUSHING your money away Check your Toilets for leaks twice a year.



Water use in the home



Showers and Baths
35%

Toilet Flushing
30%

Laundry
20%

Kitchen and Drinking
10%

Cleaning
5%

1. Remove the tank cover and put in four drops of food dye into the tank.
2. DO NOT FLUSH
3. Wait 15 - 30 minutes.
4. If the water in the bowl remains clear there are no leaks!
5. If the water in the bowl turns color, there is a leak in your tank.



Toilet Leaks

Typically, toilets begin leaking when the toilet flapper or valve seal becomes old or worn out. A good way to check is to put some food coloring in the toilet tank and wait 15 to 30 minutes to see whether color shows up in the toilet bowl. If it does, you'll need to fix the flapper or valve seal. If the leaky toilet is old, consider replacing the unit with a water-efficient model.