

Don't let your toilet waste water

A silent leak in your toilet can waste several thousand gallons of high quality water each year and place unnecessary demands on your sewer system or septic tank.

- Usually you cannot hear the leak because it runs slowly out of the tank.
- A leaking toilet is a sad toilet!

How can you discover if your toilet leaks?

Simple. Follow these easy steps and you'll know.

1. Lift off the lid from your toilet seat.
2. Place three or four drops of ordinary food coloring into the toilet tank (note - do not use dye - it could stain).
3. Do not flush or otherwise disturb the toilet for one or two hours or longer. D.) At the end of the waiting period, observe the toilet bowl. If the color you placed into the tank shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.

How do you fix a leaking toilet?

- Most frequently, leaks in toilets are caused by a defective flush valve. A flush valve is a flap or ball plunger device that is supposed to act as a stopper in the bottom of your toilet tank. After several years and many flushings, the stopper can be knocked out of shape or simply worn out.
- To make your toilet happy and to save water, see your hardware dealer or plumber and obtain an inexpensive and easy to install replacement valve or complete replacement kit.

USE WATER WISELY!!

Water Conservation Tips for Consumers

Bathroom

Toilets:

- Toilet flushing consumes nearly half of the daily household consumption using about 5-7 gallons per flush.
- Your toilet is not a wastebasket - don't use it to flush away cigarette butts or kleenex.
- Toilet dams save about two gallons per flush.
- Most new toilets presently available on the market are engineered for low volume and use about 3 1/2 gallons per flush.
- Put a few drops of food coloring in your tank. If colored water shows in the bowl without flushing, there's a leak and repairs are needed.

Bathing:

Bathing usually consumes the second greatest quantity of water in the home.

- A shower generally uses less water than a bath.
- Do your showering and hair washing in one step.
- Fill the tub on 1/4 full. This is enough to cover an adult's body or float a child's toy.
- Most showers can be fitted with a flow restrictor or low-volume head to conserve water.
- Don't turn the shower on until you're ready to step in.

Sink:

- Don't leave water running while washing your face, shaving or brushing your teeth.
- An electric razor uses less energy than it takes to heat up the water for razor shaving.

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Water Use Habits

TYPICAL USAGE

GOOD, WATER-SAVING HABITS

Showering	20-40 gallons (5 gallons per minute)	5 gallons (wet down, soak up, rinse off)
Tub Bathing	36 gallons (full)	10-15 gallons (low-level)
Toilet Flushing	6 gallons	1.6 gallon with new standard toilet
Teeth Brushing	2 gallons (tap running)	1 pint (wet, brush, rinse briefly)
Hand Washing	2 gallons (tap running)	1 gallon (fill basin, rinse briefly)
Shaving	3-5 gallons (tap running)	1 gallon (fill basin, rinse briefly)
Dish Washing	20 gallons (tap running)	5 gallons (wash, rinse, in pan or sink)
Automatic Dishwasher	15 gallons (full cycle)	DO ONLY FULL LOADS
Clothes Washer	36-60 gallons (full cycle)	DO ONLY FULL LOADS
Outdoor Watering	5-10 gallons per minute	Be sensible