

LEAK DETECTION GUIDE

Signs you have a **water leak**:

Can you see a leak?

Is your water bill higher than normal?

Is your soil consistently wet?

Can you hear running water?



VERIFY YOUR LEAK

1 Locate the water meter, remove the lid, and find the digital display. A plus sign (+) means that there is water flowing through the meter.

2 Turn off all indoor water fixtures and sprinklers. Make sure no one uses any water during the meter check.

3 Wait 15 minutes and then check your meter display again. If the (+) sign remains you have a leak somewhere.

4 Determine if the water leak is in the house or outdoors by turning off the shut-off valve to your home's main water supply.

5 Check your water meter again. If the (+) sign remains, your leak is likely outdoors. No (+) sign means your leak could be indoors.

LEAK SOURCES

Toilets

If you can hear the toilet running long after it has been flushed, the toilet is leaking. Remove the lid and check the flapper valve. This can easily be replaced or adjusted.

Faucets, Showers, & Tubs

Visually inspect all faucets, showers, and tubs. Even a small drip can waste thousands of gallons per year.

Evaporative (Swamp) Coolers

A constant stream of water flowing from the overflow reservoir of your cooler is an obvious sign of a leak. You should also make sure your float is working correctly.

Water Heaters

Check for a puddle of water near the base of the tank.

Whole House Humidifiers

Check the water supply line connected to your humidifier to see if the valve is leaking.

Water Softeners

Listen for the sound of running water and check for pooled water near the drain or base of the tank.

Irrigation System

If you still have a water flow after confirming that there are no indoor leaks, your leak is likely outdoors. Look for soil in your landscape that is consistently wet or soggy spots in your lawn.

Confused?

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