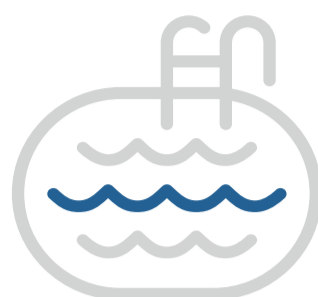




# EACH DROP ADDS UP

When you see a faucet dripping water, you don't think about the thousands of gallons that little leak can one day become. Over time, these wasted drops can do damage to your water bill. Here are some fast facts and quick tips to help you learn more about household leakage and how to prevent it from pouring on unnecessary costs.

**180** SHOWERS' WORTH OF WATER LOST IN A YEAR DUE TO A FAUCET LEAKING AT ONE DRIP/SECOND.



**THE AVERAGE HOUSE WASTES ENOUGH WATER FROM LEAKS PER YEAR TO FILL 1 BACKYARD SWIMMING POOL.**



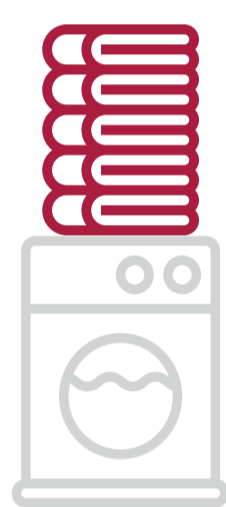
**10%**

**AVERAGE AMOUNT HOMEOWNERS CAN SAVE ON WATER BILLS BY FIXING LEAKS.**



**13,000**

**AVERAGE GALLONS OF WATER SAVED PER HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR AFTER UPGRADING OLD TOILETS.**



**5+**

**LAUNDRY LOADS OF WATER LOST TO LEAKAGE EACH WEEK PER HOUSEHOLD.**



**1 IN 10** HOMES HAS LEAKS THAT WASTE 90+ GALLONS PER DAY.

## MORE THAN 1 TRILLION GALLONS OF WATER WASTED ANNUALLY NATIONWIDE FROM HOUSEHOLD LEAKS.

### WHEN TO FIX A LEAK AND WHEN TO CALL FOR HELP

#### DO IT YOURSELF

##### Toilets

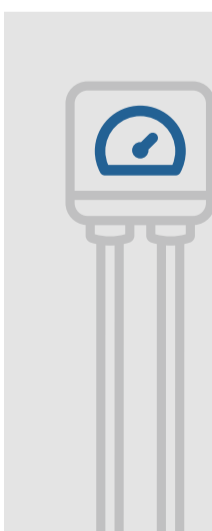
If your toilet keeps draining and refilling, the plunger ball or flapper valve may need to be replaced.

##### Sinks

When a faucet keeps dripping, the problem is most likely a worn or improperly fitted washer.

##### Outside faucets

If faucets around your house haven't drained or shut properly, cold weather might be the culprit. Frigid winter temperatures can cause freeze-ups. You can check for leaks when it gets warmer.



#### THE TWO-HOUR TEST

While not using any water, check your water meter before and after a two-hour period. If the meter registers any changes during this time, you most likely have a leak.

#### CALL A PROFESSIONAL

##### Refrigerators

If you notice excessive ice accumulation in the freezer and small puddles under your refrigerator, the ice-making machine could be broken.

##### Dishwashers

Water on the floor around your machine could indicate a leak.

##### Hot-water tanks

Water dripping down the side of the tank and accumulating on the floor is often a sign that the pressure-valve release isn't working properly.

##### Washing machines

Same as the dishwasher, water on the floor around your washing machine could indicate a leak.

##### Outside service line

If you notice a soft, wet spot on your lawn or hear water running outside the house, the service line to your house may be leaking.

##### Sprinkler systems

Look for soft spots on your lawn. This can be an indication of a leak flowing into the ground.



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