



Water Leaks Cost Money - Every Drop Counts!

Your water meter measures **ALL** water used in your home and yard, even the drips. If you find (or suspect) a leak, have it checked out and repaired as soon as possible. This repair will save you money.

Use your water meter to detect a leak in your home. Turn off all water fixtures in your house, including humidifiers, air conditioners and ice makers that are connected to a water line. Watch the low-flow indicator (red or white triangle generally located in the middle of the meter). If the triangle is moving clockwise, you have a leak.

Monitoring numbers on the water meter from late evening to early morning, **when no water is in use**, can also indicate a leak. Check the meter numbers in the evening and again first thing in the morning. If the numbers have increased (similar to a car's odometer), then you likely have a water leak.

Toilet leaks are the most common water waster in a home. Most customers are surprised at how much water can flow through a toilet without being noticed. Leaks in your toilet are difficult to detect. Add some food colouring or leftover coffee to your toilet tank. Wait 30 minutes to an hour (if possible, leave it for 12 hours), come back and check the bowl. If the colour from the coffee or dye has seeped in, you have a leak. Contact a licensed plumber to make the necessary repairs.

Check for leaks every six (6) months to save money and potential damage to your home. The most common place a leak occurs is the toilet but other places to check include:

- showerheads
- faucets
- hot water tank
- furnace humidifier
- washing machine
- sump pump (if water powered)
- refrigerator (if it has an ice maker and/or cold-water dispenser)
- dishwasher
- boilers
- water softener
- pool/hot tub
- sprinkler system/irrigation system
- outdoor hose (check annually for leaks)

Besides the obvious dripping faucet, look for water marks on floors, walls and ceilings. Signs of mold can indicate indoor leaks. Consult with a professional to determine the best plan of action. Be proactive with maintenance. Every drop really does count!