



# Fix a Leak Week

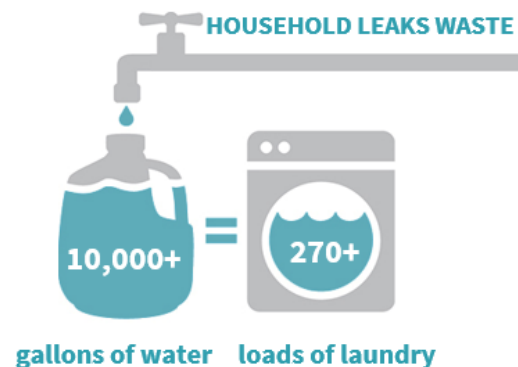
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Fix a Leak Week, created by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) aims to raise awareness about water leaks and provide resources to find and address common household leaks.

## Learn About Leaks

The average household's leaks can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, and 10 percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.

Household leaks are commonly found in **worn toilet flappers, kitchen and bath fixtures, and irrigation valves**. These leaks can be easily fixed and save homeowners about 10% on their water bills.



## Finding Leaks

Use the EPA's [at-home checklist](#) and read some tips below to help you find leaks:

- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.
- Check your water usage during colder months. If a family of four exceeds 16 HCF (12,000 gallons) per month, there may be serious leaks.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If

any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)

- Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe. If water is present, you may have a leak.
- If you have an in-ground irrigation system, check it regularly for broken and misaligned sprinklers.

For additional resources on finding and fixing common household leaks, please visit the [EPA Fix a Leak Week webpage](#).

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