



## Got high water bills?

Toilet leaks and over-watering the landscape are the two most common causes for unexpected high water bills.

### Leaking Toilet Flapper

A toilet flapper is meant to stop water from leaving the tank and entering the bowl. If the flapper is worn out, water will leak continuously into the bowl and down the drain.

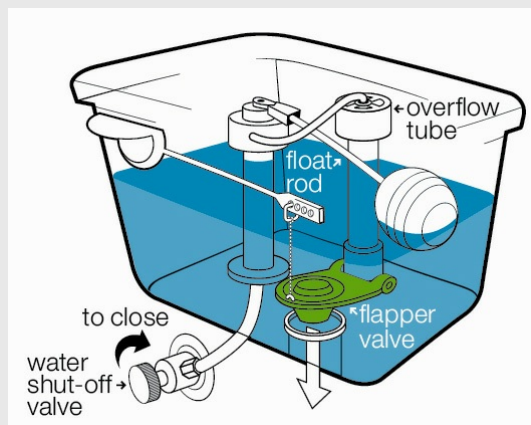


To check for a leaking toilet flapper, add a few drops of food coloring or leak detection tablets to the toilet tank. Wait 10 minutes, then check for colored water in the bowl. If there is any color in the toilet bowl, you have a leaking flapper.

For tips on replacing your toilet flapper, click [here](#).

### Overflowing Toilet

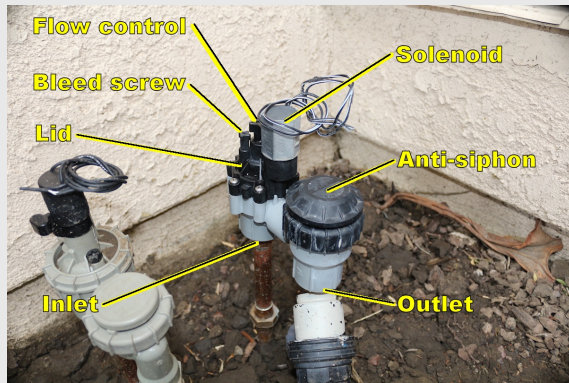
Another common leak is caused by an overflowing toilet. When the water level in the tank is set too high, water will continuously flow into the overflow pipe and down the



drain. To fix this, adjust the float to lower the water level one inch below the top of the overflow pipe.

## Leaking Irrigation Valves

Identify a leaking irrigation valve by closely listening for a hissing sound at the valve. Also look for water leaking from the lowest outlet in the irrigation zone.



## Watering Too Frequently

Over-watering is often the cause of high water bills. Allow your landscape to dry out for several days between watering events.

Use the **Landscape Watering**

**Guide** to determine the frequency and duration of irrigation events.



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