

# TODD CREEK VILLAGE

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT



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## Are There Water Leaks Hiding in Your Home?

According to the EPA, household leaks waste nearly a trillion gallons of water annually nationwide. The average household's leak can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, and 10% of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. The most common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, requiring basic tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings.

To check for leaks in your home, first determine whether you're wasting water. Take a look at your water usage during a colder month when you are not irrigating. During winter months when there is no irrigation, the average family of four should not exceed 12K gallons of water, and if they do, there is probably a leak. To determine if you have a leak, check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all it's a good bet you have a leak.



### Tips for Identifying Leaks

- ◆ Place 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 or mineral deposit build-up on the outside of pipe for surface leaks.
- ◆ Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges under sinks and around appliances that use water (including water heater, washer, dishwasher, refrigerator/freezer with an ice maker).
- ◆ Check for drips or stray sprays on sink faucet sprayers and shower heads.
- ◆ Check the tub faucet while water is diverted to the shower. If there is still a lot of water coming from the tub spout it could indicate that the tub spout diverter needs to be replaced.
- ◆ Check for any signs of moisture or discoloration from mold on your walls, ceilings, and floors. If you find some, it could mean there is a leak within the walls, and water damage is present.

### Tips for Preventing Leaks

- ◆ To help prevent faucet leaks, clean hard water mineral deposit build-up in openings and facet heads as needed.
- ◆ Replace aging fixtures, gaskets, washers, plumbers tape, etc., as needed. And always look for the WaterSense label when purchasing plumbing products as that indicates they have been independent certified to use at least 20% less water and perform as well as, or better than, standard models.

For information about your water quality and much more, be sure to check the FAQ section of our website.

**TRANSPARENCY NOTICE:** Board Meetings are held every 2nd Thursday at 2:00 pm via Zoom and the public is always welcome.



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