

WATER LEAK AWARENESS TIPS

Detecting water leaks can save you money on your water and sewer utility bills. Here are some quick tips on finding leaks in your appliances or plumbing fixtures.

Leaking Toilets, Faucets and Pipes

A leaking toilet can waste hundreds of litres of water a day. To check for a leaking toilet, add food colouring to the toilet tank and wait a few minutes. If the toilet bowl changes colour, you have a leak.

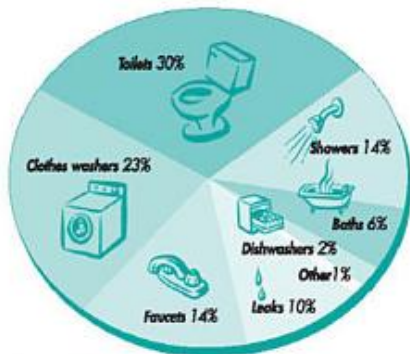
Other signs that you have a leak include:

- Sounds coming from the toilet when it is not being used;
- The need to adjust the flush handle to get the toilet to stop running or to empty the tank.

A leaking faucet can waste from 40 to 100 litres of water a day. Check for drips and replace faulty parts regularly.

Typical Water Use Inside the Home

The average resident uses more than 340 litres per day on activities such as washing dishes, doing laundry, showering and flushing toilets.



* Source GVRD

Toilets – 30%
Faucets – 14%
Washing Machine – 23%
Dishwasher – 2%
Showers – 14%
Baths – 6%
Leaks – 10%
Other – 1 %