



LEAK AWARENESS INFORMATION SHEET

Most leaks are silent, which means that you may not see evidence like a large puddle. Make sure to check for leaks – indoor & outdoor – every six months.

The easiest way to determine if there is a leak is to make sure all the taps are turned off in the house and there is no water being used (including air conditioners, ice machine and humidifiers). Go to your water meter and if the flow register (last number) is moving then there is a leak somewhere in the plumbing.

Leaky Toilet Test

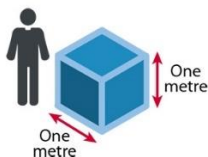
Toilets are the number one source of residential water leaks. To find out if your toilet is wasting water, remove the tank lid of your toilet and follow these simple steps:



1. Drop - Put several drops of food colouring into the toilet tank and wait 10 minutes.
2. Peek - Look in the bowl. If the water changes colour, you've got a leak.
3. Repair - If the water changes, your toilet is leaking and needs repair.
4. Save - Congratulations! By repairing just one toilet, you will save money on your water bill!

How Much do Leaks Really Cost?

Water is measured in cubic metres (m³)



The average property uses approximately 12.5 m³ every month

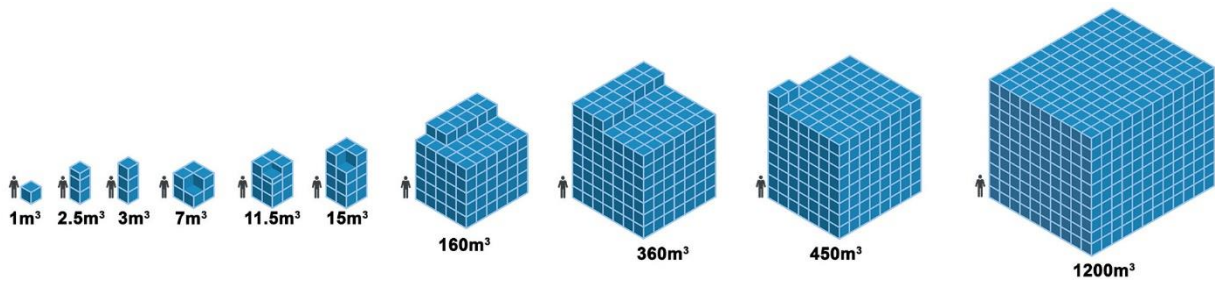
1 m³ = 1,000 liters

Leaks can range in size, but most often this is how much water you waste:

Leaky toilet – 3 to 1,200 m³ per month

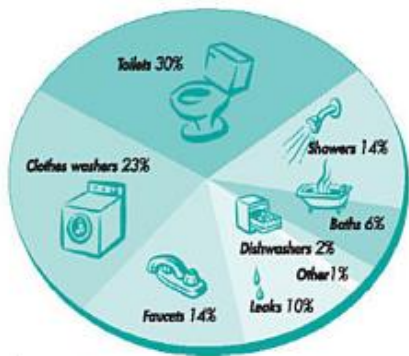
Leaky faucet – 2.5 to 360 m³ per month

What Does this Really Look like?



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Typical Water Use Inside the Home



* Source GVRD

Toilets – 30%
Faucets – 14%
Washing Machine – 23%
Dishwasher – 2%
Showers – 14%
Baths – 6%