

# HIDDEN WATER WASTE DEMYSTIFIED

HIDDEN LEAKS CAN LEAD TO A LOT OF WASTE AND A BIG INCREASE IN YOUR WATER BILL.

*Learn how to save by locating hidden drips so you can fix 'em quick.*

## INVESTIGATE FOR INDOOR WASTE

TOILETS ARE ONE OF THE BIGGEST CULPRITS OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE. HERE'S HOW TO FIND OUT IF YOUR COMMUNE IS IN LEAK MODE:

### STEP NO 1

Take the lid off the toilet tank and place a few drops of food coloring into the water. Set a timer and wait ten minutes.

### STEP NO 2

When the timer goes off, check to see if the food coloring has leaked into the toilet bowl.

### STEP NO 3

Watch the tank components while flushing the toilet to see if the flapper is functioning properly.

### STEP NO 4

If it isn't sealing, check for a faulty flapper, chain or float ball and replace the damaged components as quickly as possible.

## INDOOR DRIP CHECKLIST

CHECK FOR LEAKS IN:



FAUCETS



TOILETS



PLUMBING



WASHING MACHINE HOOKUPS



SHOWERS

## A TOILET LEAK CAN REALLY ADD UP



A SMALL LEAK  
WASTES 288  
GALLONS PER DAY  
OR  
0.2 GALLONS  
PER MINUTE



A MEDIUM LEAK  
WASTES 1440  
GALLONS PER DAY  
OR  
ONE GALLON  
PER MINUTE



A LARGE LEAK  
WASTES 2880  
GALLONS PER DAY  
OR  
TWO GALLONS  
PER MINUTE



**NEARLY HALF  
THE WATER WE USE  
EVERY YEAR IS USED  
ON OUR YARDS. THAT  
MEANS ANY HIDDEN  
LEAKS OUTSIDE CAN  
REALLY ADD UP.**

## GET CONTROL OF YOUR IRRIGATION CONTROLLER

**LEARN TO MASTER THIS MISTIFYING MACHINE AND START SAVING MORE OUTDOORS. HERE'S HOW:**

### STEP Nº 1

Cycle through your settings to ensure that you don't have any hidden programs running.

### STEP Nº 2

Make sure your controller is set to water no more than three times a week.

### STEP Nº 3

Set your controller to Cycle & Soak, a water-wise method that breaks watering times into three shorter cycles. Visit [Thorntonwater.com/DeMistify](http://Thorntonwater.com/DeMistify) and tap into our Irrigation Controller fact sheet to learn how.

## HEAD OUT & SCOUT FOR OUTDOOR LEAKS

**PREVENT HIDDEN WATER WASTE FROM BECOMING A REAL DRAIN ON YOUR RESOURCES BY LOCATING LEAKS IN YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM. HERE'S HOW:**

### STEP Nº 1

Turn each sprinkler zone on.

### STEP Nº 2

Look for signs of potential underground leaks - sprinkler heads that don't pop up properly or swampy areas.

### STEP Nº 3

Check the backflow preventer and valve boxes for drips. Look for broken sprinkler heads or missing drip emitters.

### STEP Nº 4

Once you've located the leak, don't waste any more time or water! Replace the faulty parts at a fast-flowing pace.

## OUTDOOR DRIP CHECKLIST

CHECK FOR LEAKS IN:



HOSE AND  
HOSE SPIGOTS



SWAMP COOLER  
UNITS



POND AND  
WATER FEATURE  
WATER LINES



IRRIGATION  
SYSTEMS

## NEED EXTRA HELP?

**CONTACT UTILITY BILLING AT 303-538-7370 WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT UNUSUALLY HIGH WATER USE. SCHEDULE A FREE WATER CONSULTATION TO CHECK INDOOR AND OUTDOOR USE. CHECK OUT THE ENTIRE DEMISTIFY SERIES FOR MORE WATER-SAVING TIPS.**

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