

HIDDEN WATER WASTE DE**Mist**IFIED

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 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 2

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

STEP 3

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

STEP 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:



SHOWERS



WASHING MACHINE HOOKUPS



FAUCETS



PLUMBING

A TOILET LEAK CAN REALLY ADD UP



A SMALL LEAK WASTES 30 GALLONS PER DAY.



A MEDIUM LEAK WASTES 250 GALLONS PER DAY.



A LARGE LEAK WASTES 400 GALLONS PER DAY.



**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 1

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

STEP 2

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

STEP 3

Set your controller to Cycle & Soak, a water-wise method that breaks watering times into three shorter cycles. Visit Thorntonwater.com/SavingOutdoors 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 ANY LEAKS IN YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM. HERE'S HOW:

STEP 1

Turn each sprinkler zone on.

STEP 2

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

STEP 3

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

STEP 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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