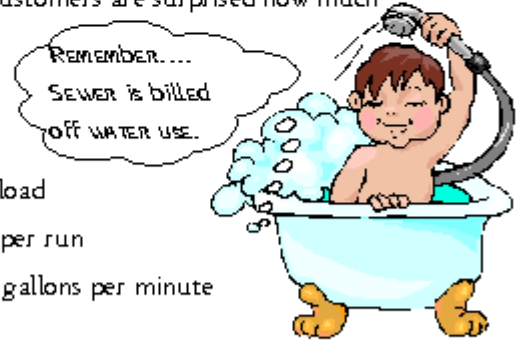


WATER LEAK FACTS

HAVE A HIGH BILL, BUT DON'T SEE A LEAK?

Sometimes you may have a leak and not know it. The best indication is a high usage (not cost, rates have increased) on your bill compared to past bill usage. There are often 2 reasons for mysterious water leaks: a leaking toilet or a small slow drip at a faucet. *Outdoor leaks are rare.* The first step is to determine whether you actually have a leak, or are just using more water than you expected. Most customers are surprised how much water can be used for routine activities.

SHOWERS	5-10 gallons per minute
TOILETS	7 gallons per flush
WASHING MACHINE	40 gallons per large load
AUTOMATIC DISHWASHERS	12 gallons per run
BRUSHING TEETH (with water running)	5 gallons per minute
RINSING DISHES	5 gallons per minute



ONE ID IN EVERY 318 HOMES/BUILDING HAS A LEAK. DO YOU?

It's Only a Small Drip.....Right?

Slow drips of water add up quickly. A toilet that 'keeps running' after you flush or a sink that drips after it is turned off can waste thousands of gallons of water a year. If the drip is hot water, you are paying for wasted energy also. **FIX LEAKS AS SOON AS YOU FIND THEM. THEY WON'T GO AWAY ON THEIR OWN!**



SOME COSTLY FACTS

- A leaking toilet can use 9000 gals. of water per month.
- A dripping faucet/hose bib can use 180 gals. per month.
- A 1/8 inch hole in a pipe, at 40 psi (pounds per square inch) leaks 2,500 gals. every 24 hours.



One (1) in every 20 pools has a leak



A 'RUNNING' TOILET LEAK

Toilet leaks can range from small to large, constant or random, many are silent. Most toilet leaks are relatively easy to fix. In a properly functioning toilet, NO water should move from the tank to the bowl, unless the toilet is being flushed. A leaking toilet loses water from the tank to the bowl without being flushed.

HOW ABOUT YOUR TOILETS? FOLLOW THE TEST INSTRUCTIONS AND CHECK YOURS.

Checking for a leaky toilet:



An average 20% of toilets leak!

- 1. Remove the tank lid.** (don't worry the water is clean until it enters the bowl.)
 - 2. Add some food coloring or a dye tablet** to turn the water a different color. Put the tank lid back on.
 - 3. After about 30 minutes, look in the bowl.** If you see colored water, you have a leak. If the water is clear in the bowl, and still colored in the tank, water is not leaking from the tank to the bowl.
- If you have a leak, the most common is the toilet flapper (the rubber thing at the bottom of the tank that keeps water in the tank) and/or the filling mechanism. Contact a plumber, or fix with parts (approx. \$8.00) from the hardware store.

MAKE SURE HOSES ARE TURNED OFF

