



Finding a Leak



♪ **Where, Oh Where, Could Your Water Leak Be?** ♪

BASIC AREAS TO LOOK FOR LEAKS

Area	Potential Leak (gallons/hr)	How to Detect It
Toilet	Up to 100	Put a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank and wait 15 minutes. If food color leaks to toilet bowl, you have a leak. To avoid staining the toilet, flush after test is complete.
Irrigation	Up to hundreds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check each head and riser for leaks. 2. Check the valve to see if it is leaking. 3. If there are no leaks here, turn off the valve that moves water to your irrigation system (not all homes have this) – Note that this has nothing to do with your irrigation controller. Underground irrigation leaks are more common in older, galvanized pipes.
Water Heater	Up to hundreds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check your heater water leaking into a nearby drain. (Note: This can also cause an increase to your gas bill.)
Pool, Jacuzzi or Pond	Up to hundreds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check float valve to see if it's functioning properly. 2. Check auto fill to see if it's running. Check the water feature for leaks.
Pipes	Up to hundreds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If all other areas are leak free, check pipes to house, especially older, galvanized steel. 2. This often takes a leak detection company to detect leaks under asphalt or concrete.

