

# HOW TO CHECK FOR TOILET LEAKS

Can a toilet leak without you knowing?

**Most people don't realize it**, but a leaking toilet is the most common cause for a water bill that gets out of control. There are a number of signs that a toilet needs some repairs, but many toilets still leak without any obvious signs of trouble...

1. If you have to jiggle the handle to make a toilet stop running.
2. If you have sounds coming from a toilet that is not being used.
3. If you have to hold down the handle to allow the tank to empty.
4. If you can see water trickling down the sides of the toilet bowl long after it has been flushed.

Although water may not be seen or heard running, your toilet may have a silent leak.

Here is a simple Toilet Dye Test you can complete to see if your toilet is leaking.

- Remove the tank lid of the toilet.
- Drip 10 to 15 drops of food coloring or dye into the toilet tank. **DO NOT FLUSH.**
- Wait 10 minutes.
- If the water stays clear in the toilet bowl, there is no leak.
- If without flushing, the colored water appears in the toilet bowl, you have a leak.
- Generally, the leak is in or around the plunger ball or flapper valve at the bottom of the tank.
- Repeat the process with all toilets in the house. This is very important to see if the issue is coming from one specific toilet or happening in multiple ones.

It is recommended to check all toilets for leaks at least twice a year.