

# DOES YOUR TOILET WASTE WATER?

Did you know toilets are the largest source of indoor water use? Leaky toilets and older inefficient toilets waste water and money. Check out the tips below for ways to save.

## CHECK FOR LEAKS

Place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank (free dye tablets are also available at the city's Utility Billing service counter), wait 15 minutes and see if there's color in the toilet bowl water. If so, your toilet has a leak.

## WATCH THE OVERFLOW

Water can also leak out of the overflow valve located inside the toilet tank. If the fill valve is broken or set incorrectly, high water levels in the tank can leak into the overflow and down the drain.

## REPLACE THE FLAPPER

When the flapper inside the toilet tank leaks your water bill can increase dramatically. Even a silent leak can waste 30-500 gallons of water a day.

## UPGRADE THE TOILET

Toilets installed before 1994 can use 3.5 gallons per flush (gpf) or more. The city offers rebates for high efficiency toilets that only use 1.28 gpf.



For more information on how to save water (and money) please call 303-413-7407, visit

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