

# Looking for Leaks



Here are a few ways to try to determine if you have a leak that is causing water to go through your meter.

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## Low Flow/Leak Indicator:

Your water meter has a "leak indicator" to show water going through the meter at a very slow rate. To check this leak indicator, look for a small red triangle on your meter. Shut off all water using devices in your home and if the triangle moves at all, even very slowly, there is water going through the meter, which means you have a leak somewhere on your property.

## Water Softener/Filter Check:

Do you have a water softener, filter, or other treatment device anywhere in your home? Check to make sure it is cycling properly.

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## Toilet Tank Dye Test:

Toilets are notorious water wasters. If you have a small leak in the seal of the flapper mechanism in your toilet, you may not hear it running, but large amounts of water can be wasted this way. To test your toilets, put a few drops of food coloring or dye tablets in the toilet tank (behind the toilet, not in the bowl), and then wait 10-15 minutes without flushing. Check the toilet bowl. If you have any colored water appear in your toilet bowl, this means you have a leaky toilet that needs to be repaired. A darker colored dye (\*blue or green) works best for this test, or come by the District office and pick up some complimentary dye tablets.

## Time Test:

Another way to determine if you have a leak is to conduct a time test. Look at your water meter before going to bed (or before any long period of time when you will not be using any water) and write down the meter reading from the dial on the meter. Be sure to note the position of the leak indicator as well. When you wake up, or return to the property, look at your meter again to see if the dials and/or leak indicator has moved. If your meter shows usage, that means that water is running through the meter and going somewhere on your property or in your home. You can repeat this test multiple times while turning off the water to different fixtures one at a time for each test to see if you can isolate where the water is going. Still can't find that leak? It may be time to contact a plumber for assistance!

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