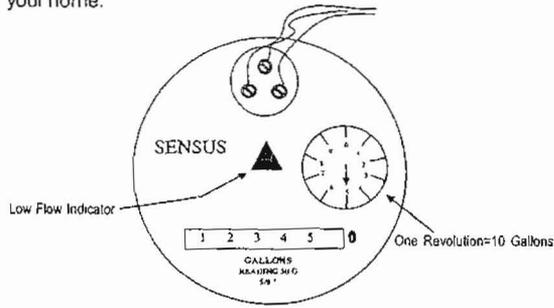


Water, Water, Everywhere

Dripping faucets and running toilets are more than a nuisance. They waste water and cost you money. Other water leaks are less noticeable. If your water bill sky-rockets for no apparent reason, chances are that there's a leak somewhere. Finding and fixing household leaks is easy and inexpensive. Here's how to proceed:

Check for leaks

A simple procedure detects leaks that may exist anywhere in your home.



Example of a Meter Face

1. Customers with meters set inside their home or business can check for leaks themselves. (If you have an exterior meter setting you should call Shorelands Water Company).

2. Locate your water meter and then turn off ALL water fixtures and appliances.

3. Locate the LOW FLOW INDICATOR on the meter face and watch the indicator for a few minutes. If Low Flow Indicator moves and all water fixtures and appliances are off then there is a leak located somewhere after the water meter.

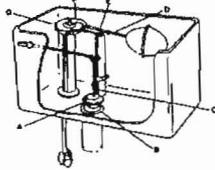
4. You may isolate each fixture one at a time until the Low Flow Indicator stops or you can call a plumber to locate the leak.

Pinpoint the leaks

Start with the toilet

Toilets are the most common sources of leaks. Here's how to find them.

1. Put a dye tablet in the toilet tank. Wait 15 minutes. If colored water appears in the bowl, you have a leak. The flush valve ball (A) probably needs to be replaced.



2. Sprinkle a small amount of talcum powder on top of water in tank. If this powder moves toward the overflow tube (D), you probably have an overflow leak.

3. If your toilet whistles, whines or won't shut off you may need a new ballcock assembly (G). Hardware and plumbing stores sell complete kits with instructions.



Flapper ball can replace a worn flush valve ball



Ballcock assembly

WATER WASTED IN ONE MONTH FROM LEAKS



1. a slow steady drip (100 drops a minute)	gallons 350
2. a fast drip	about 600
3. a small stream	2000-2700
4. a large stream	4600

When to call an expert

If your meter indicates a leak and you can't find it, or if you're reluctant to make these repairs yourself, call a Licensed Plumber for assistance.



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