



## **DON'T LET YOUR TOILET WASTE WATER!**

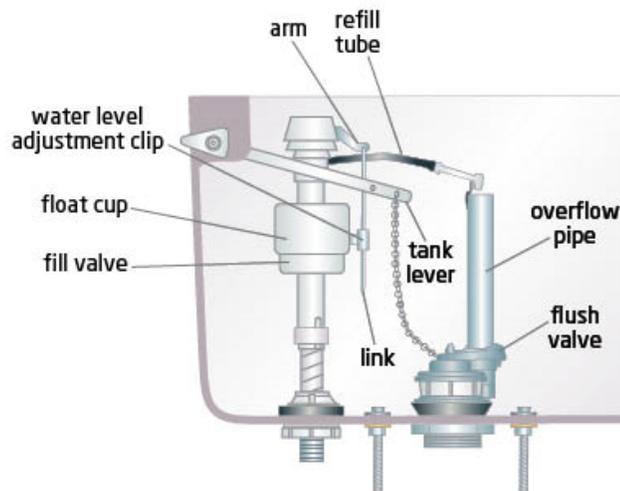
1. A silent leak in your toilet can waste several thousand gallons of high quality water each year and place unnecessary demands on your sewer system or septic tank. Usually you cannot hear the leak because it runs slowly out of the tank. A leaking toilet is a THIEF!
2. How can you discover if your toilet leaks?

Simple – follow these easy steps and you will know.

1. Lift off the lid from your toilet tank
  2. Place three or four drops of ordinary food coloring in the toilet tank.  
(Note: DO NOT USE DYE – IT COULD STAIN)
  3. Do not flush or otherwise disturb the toilet for one or two hours or longer
  4. At the end of the waiting period, observe the toilet bowl. If the color you placed in the tank shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.
3. How do you fix a leaking toilet?

Most frequently, leaks in toilets are caused by a defective flush valve. A flush valve is a flap or ball plunger device that is supposed to act as a stopper in the bottom of your toilet tank. After several years and many flushes, the stopper can be knocked out of shape or simply worn out.

To make sure your toilet is happy and to save water, see your hardware dealer or plumber and obtain an inexpensive and easy to install replacement valve or complete replacement kit.



## **USE WATER WISELY!**

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## CHECKING FOR LEAKS

There is a simple way to check for leaks at your property by using your water meter. If you lift up the cover on your water meter, on the face of the meter you will see a small red wheel (see picture). This is a very sensitive gauge called the “leak detector”. When you are not using any water at your property, this wheel should be sitting perfectly still. If it is moving even slightly, then water is flowing and you have a leak. You can test the sensitivity of this wheel by turning on a slight water flow from a faucet and then viewing the wheel. You will see how even the slightest flow will turn this “leak detector”.

Remember, most unseen leaks are toilet related. A simple way to test your toilet for leaks is to put food coloring in the holding tank and then do not flush the toilet for a little while. If the water in the toilet bowl starts to change colors that means that water is flowing from the tank to the bowl, indicating a leak.



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DETECTOR**