

Stop Flushing Your Cash Down the Toilet!

Running Toilet?

Toilets account for 26% of the water used in the average home, and toilet leaks can waste hundreds of gallons of water each day. The Paw Paw water department recommends that you check your toilet at least each fall for leaks.



Sometimes you can hear a toilet leak - but many times, **leaks can be silent**, and easy to overlook. Silent toilet leaks can account for up to 300 gallons of lost water each day. This size of leak costs over \$500 dollars a year and should be repaired immediately.

To check your toilet for leaks, lift off the toilet tank lid and place 10 drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. Wait ten minutes without flushing. If the water in the bowl changes color within 10 minutes, you have a toilet leak.

Repairing leaks is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Checking for a Leaky Toilet

It is not uncommon to find toilets leaking much more water than the average 22 gallons. Silent toilets leaks can account for up to 300 gallons per day of lost water without anybody noticing the leakage.

Checking for toilet leaks is easy:

- Step 1. Remove the toilet tank lid.
- Step 2. Place a dye tablet or 10 drops of food coloring into the toilet tank. Do not flush.
- Step 3. If color appears in the bowl within 10 minutes, this means water is leaking from the tank.
- Step 4. Replace or repair your toilet.



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