



# Fix a Leak for Water Savings!

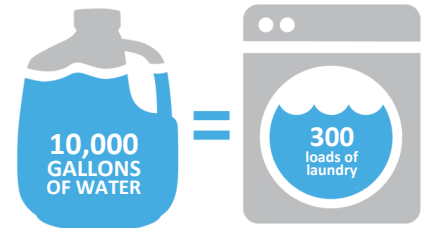


## Fix a Leak Week

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Looking for a pot of gold this March? Turn those leaking faucets and fixtures into gold during **Fix a Leak Week** and you could save as much as **10 percent** on your water bill. The average household's leaks can waste nearly **10,000 gallons** of water annually. **Fix a Leak Week** is a reminder to homeowners to check plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. It only takes about ten minutes to check for leaks throughout the home. Common leaks include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets and leaking showerheads. These are easy fixes that people can handle themselves. If you don't feel comfortable doing them yourself, hire a licensed plumber to make the repairs.



One broken sprinkler head can waste **25,000 gallons of water** in just **6 months**.

Need help?  
**Go with a pro—**  
a certified irrigation professional.



Irrigation systems should be checked each spring before use to make sure damage from frost or freezing has not occurred. A broken sprinkler head can waste **25,000 gallons of water** for the season, costing about **\$330 per year**. A pipe with a leak 1/32nd of an inch in diameter (the size of a pen tip) can waste **6,300 gallons of water per month!** Consult a certified WaterSense irrigation professional to help with repairs. You can find one at <https://lookforwatersense.epa.gov/pros/>.

Check the garden hose for leaks at the spigot. If it leaks while the hose is on, replace the hose washer and make sure the connection to the spigot is tight by using teflon pipe tape and a wrench.

For more information and helpful hints on eradicating leaks check out <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week>.

## Simple Leak Repair Hacks

### Replace a Toilet Flapper in 6 Easy Steps

1. Turn off the water.
2. Remove the toilet's tank cover and flush.
3. Remove the old flapper.
4. Attach the new flapper to the pegs.
5. Seat the chain for a tight seal, making sure the seal is strong.
6. Turn the water back on and flush.

### Replace a Faucet Aerator in 4 Easy Steps

1. Cover your drain.
2. Remove aerator.
3. Remove rubber washer if stuck.
4. Twist on new WaterSense labeled aerator.

### Replace a Showerhead in 4 Easy Steps

1. Remove old Showerhead.
2. Clean the thread.
3. Apply plumbing tape clockwise.
4. Twist on new WaterSense labeled showerhead.

