



The Milwaukee Water Works Promotes EPA's "Fix a Leak Week" March 14 through 20, 2011

As part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ongoing We're for Water campaign, this year's Fix a Leak Week encourages Americans to help put a stop to the more than 1 trillion gallons of water wasted from household leaks each year.

Sponsored by EPA's WaterSense® program, Fix a Leak Week is March 14 through 20, 2011. In support of We're for Water, the Milwaukee Water Works is promoting finding and fixing residential leaks.

A toilet that runs all day and night will waste 200 gallons per day, costing you \$102.72 each billing quarter or \$410.88 each year:

- Water Charge (\$40.32)
- MMSD Charge (\$34.56)
- Milwaukee City Sewer Charge (\$27.84)

Total = \$102.72

To help save water for future generations, the Milwaukee Water Works is asking consumers to check, twist, and replace:

- **Check for leaks.** Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, and fixture connections. Check for toilets with silent leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring or a dye tab* into the tank. See if the color appears in the bowl before you flush. If it does, you have a leaking toilet. Don't forget to check irrigation systems and spigots.
- **Twist and tighten pipe connections.**
- **Replace the fixture if necessary.** Look for WaterSense labeled models, which are independently tested and certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

Most leaks are easy to repair with parts from a hardware store. In many cases, fixture replacement parts pay for themselves quickly and can be installed by handy do-it-yourselfers, or contact your favorite plumbing professional.

To receive a copy of the Use Water Wisely brochure and a packet of toilet leak detection dye tabs, please call or write to the Milwaukee Water Works Customer Service Center, (414) 286-2830, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or email watwebcs@milwaukee.gov

WaterSense also partners with certified landscape professionals who can check irrigation systems for leaks. Visit www.epa.gov/watersense to find WaterSense labeled products or an irrigation partner in your area.

For more information on Fix a Leak Week, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak.

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WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes, and services. For more information on WaterSense, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.