

## Water Efficiency Tips & Leaks

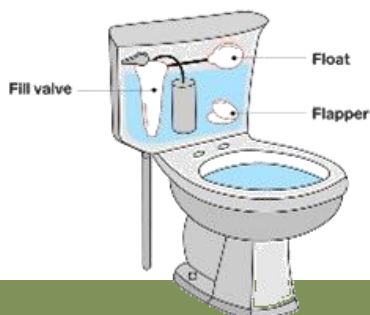
### Tips to help you use water efficiently:

1. Install water efficient devices. Rebates for water saving devices, such as toilets, washing machines and smart irrigation controllers are available at [SoCalWaterSmart.com](http://SoCalWaterSmart.com).
2. Take shorter showers and install low flow showerheads.
3. Use the dishwasher (4-5 gallons of water per load) versus handwashing (1.5 gallons a minute).
4. Water your landscape infrequently but deep. The deeper the water gets into the soil, the deeper the roots grow, and less evaporation occurs.
5. Look and listen for water leaks!

**GOT LEAKS? Water leaks can waste massive amounts of water!** The issue can be a pinhole leak in an underground pipe or water continuously flowing in a running toilet. To see if you have a leak, check your meter. Put on gloves and open the meter box. If the dial on the meter is moving and no one is using water, you have a leak. Isolate the leak by shutting off the water to the house and checking the meter again. See the list below for more assistance.

Area	How to Detect it
Toilet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Put a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank and wait 15 minutes.</li> <li>2. If the food color seeps to toilet bowl, you have a leak. This issue can often be fixed with a new flapper.</li> </ol>
Irrigation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check overhead sprinklers and drip lines visually for leaks.</li> <li>2. Check the valve boxes to see if any valves are leaking or running.</li> <li>3. Isolate the issue to outside or inside by shutting off the water supply valve for the irrigation <u>or</u> the house – not all homes have this.</li> </ol>
Pool, Pond or Jacuzzi	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check the autofill/float valve to see if it's continuously running.</li> <li>2. If you think your pool has a leak, google the "Pool Bucket Test".</li> </ol>
Water heater or filter system	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check devices to look and listen for water leaks or flow issues.</li> <li>2. Even small filtration systems can malfunction and continuously flow.</li> </ol>
Pipes & Mystery Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check pipes to the house by placing your ear to the wall near water pipes to listen for the sound of water flowing.</li> <li>2. <b>A professional leak detection company may be necessary for challenging leaks.</b></li> </ol>

Common causes for a running toilet



A toilet running 200 gallons an hour will waste enough water to fill a pool in 4 days!