

# Checking For Water Leaks

## High Water Bills:

- If you feel your water bill is higher than usual here are a few suggestions to detect a possible leak inside the home:
  - Pick a time when you know that there will not be any water usage in the home
    - Overnight
    - On a weekend when you will be away
  - Take a reading from the meter before you leave.
  - Take another reading immediately upon returning.
  - If the meter has any usage (numbers have changed) you have a leak.

## You have a leak, now what?

- Your TOILET is the first to consider for a leak.
  - In 24 hours a toilet can leak up to 2,500 gallons of water.
  - There are times when you can hear your toilet “running”; however the worst leaks are when you cannot hear it.
- Check for dripping FAUCETS and/or TUBS.
  - Outside faucets should be checked to make sure they are not running.

## Check for toilet leak:

- Float Assembly:
  - Remove the tank top
  - Sprinkle powder on top of the water
  - Look for water flowing into the overflow pipe
  - Adjust the float
- Flapper/Flush Valve Assembly:
  - Pour a dark liquid (i.e. food coloring) into the tank.
  - Wait a few minutes
  - If you can see water seeping into the bowl your seal needs to be serviced
  - Sand or dirt can get under the seal causing water loss
  - Clean the seal. If the problem persists, replace the seal or flush valve assembly

