



# Do you think you have a leak?

## Take the Leaky Toilet Test - It's easy!

To find out if your toilet is wasting valuable water, carefully remove the tank lid at the back of your toilet and then follow these simple steps:

**Step 1 – DROP:** Put 7-10 drops of food coloring into the toilet tank. Wait a few minutes.

**Step 2 – PEEK:** If the water inside the toilet bowl changes color, you have a leak.

**Step 3 – REPAIR:** Repair or replace your leaky toilet.

## Did You Know? Use your water meter to find leaks in your home!

One leaky toilet can fill 28 bathtubs per month. Each day, leaky toilets in Crossfield homes waste enormous amounts of our water. Research shows that leaks can make up over 10% of the average water used in a single-family home. The most common culprits are leaking toilets and faucets. In fact, one in four toilets is silently leaking. It could cost you hundreds of dollars a year!

If you repair leaks and maintain your fixtures, you can help to conserve water in Crossfield. We can all make a difference.

**Step 1** - Turn off all taps and water appliances (humidifiers, ice makers) in your home.

**Step 2** - If your meter continues to move, you have a leak somewhere in your house.

**Step 3** - Check your toilet, taps, humidifier, hot water heater, and water softener for leaks.

To detect even the smallest leak, turn off all fixtures and record your water meter reading. Leave your home for a few hours or more. If the reading changes while you are away, you may have a leak.

## How often should you check for leaks?

It is recommended that you check your home for leaks twice a year. Be aware that time-released toilet bowl cleaners that sit in your tank (rather than flush-released ones) can speed up the deterioration of parts in your toilet and cause leaks. If you use these products, you should check your toilet for leaks more frequently. In the spring, don't forget to check your outside taps for leaks too.