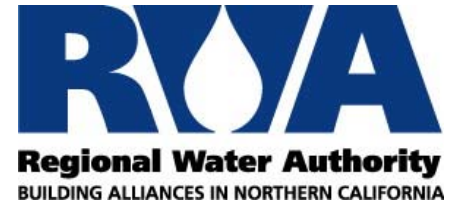




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# Beat the Leak During National “Fix a Leak Week”

**SACRAMENTO--** The Regional Water Authority and local water providers are partnering with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promote Fix a Leak Week, March 14-20.

The week is designed to bring attention to fixing leaky faucets, stopping running toilets and searching for leaks wherever they may be.

It's estimated that the average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, or the amount needed to wash 270 loads of laundry, and that household leaks waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide.<sup>1</sup>

Common types of leaks found inside the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets and other leaking valves. Outside, sources of leaks can be broken sprinkler heads, cracked pipes or leaky spigots and garden hoses.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www3.epa.gov/watersense/pubs/fixleak.html>

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Here are some easy ways to see if your home has leaks:

- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.
- Take a close look at all of your faucets and showerheads. A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.<sup>2</sup>
- Check your toilet with a simple dye test. Place dye tablets or a couple of drops of food coloring into the tank. If the colored water appears in the bowl within 15 minutes, there is a leak in the flapper valve.

And remember, fixing leaks shouldn't be confined to only one week a year. Check your faucets, toilets, sprinklers and other water using appliances on a regular basis to make sure there aren't any problems, and fix them as soon as you find them.

Additional water-saving tips plus information about rebates and free services available to help residents use less water is available at [BeWaterSmart.info](http://BeWaterSmart.info).

***About the Regional Water Authority:*** RWA is a joint powers authority representing two dozen water providers and affiliates in the greater Sacramento area. Its primary mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources.

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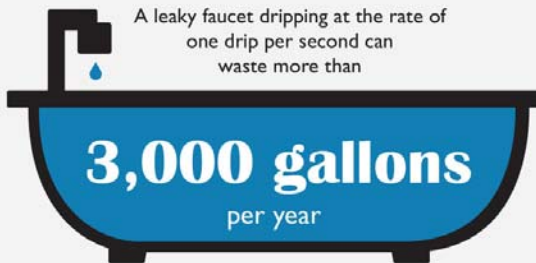
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# THE FACTS ON LEAKS



10 percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day



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## Did you know?

Minor water leaks account for more than



**trillion gallons**

of wasted water each year and is equal to annual household water use in



**million homes**



A shower leaking at

**10 Drips**

per minute wastes more than

**500**

gallons per year

## REPAIR

leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary



Replace old toilets with WaterSense labeled models & save



**13,000**

gallons of water savings for the average family

Homeowners can save



10 percent on their water bills

