



National Fix a Leak Week

Fixes can save homeowners money, rebates available through city

WAUKESHA - The Waukesha Water Utility is encouraging customers to check for leaks during National Fix a Leak Week - warning that leaks can cost families a lot of money.

"Toilet leaks tend to be invisible and are one of the most common leaks," said Mary Adelmeyer, utility customer service coordinator.

A toilet leak can lead to hundreds of gallons of water being wasted. To identify silent leaks, the utility recommends a dye test - homeowners should put eight to 10 drops of food coloring into the toilet tank and wait 20 minutes. If the color appears in the bowl before flushing, there is a leak.

While testing for leaks, Adelmeyer suggests

checking the age of the toilet. Replacing toilets installed in 1993 or earlier with a WaterSense-labeled toilet can save homeowners approximately 13,000 gallons of water per year and \$200 on water and wastewater bills.

City residents may also qualify for a \$100 toilet rebate and a \$25 shower head rebate.

Residents are also encouraged to check for dripping faucets, shower heads, irrigation systems, spigots and other fixtures. These leaks are often easy to fix and require only a few tools, the Waukesha Water Utility said.

For more on the toilet rebate and finding leaks, visit www.waukesha-water.com.



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