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**National Fix a Leak Week**  
**March 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Waukesha, WI – March 18, 2019,** Waukesha Water Utility encourages customers to check for leaks during this year's national Fix a Leak Week. "Leaks can cost families a lot of money," said Mary Adelmeyer, Customer Service Coordinator. "Toilet Leaks tend to be invisible and are one of the most common leaks."

The focus is on toilets because they are the main source of water use in the home, accounting for nearly 30% of an average home's indoor water consumption. When toilets leak, hundreds of gallons of water a day can be wasted without the homeowner's knowledge. Toilet leaks are common, so the water utility recommends checking for leaks at least twice each year.

Whether you replace or repair your toilet depends on its age. Replacing toilets that were installed 1993 or earlier with a more water efficient model is one of the best ways to help reduce water usage. Purchasing a 1.28 gallon per flush, WaterSense-labeled toilet can save homeowners approximately \$115 per year on water and wastewater bills. If you live in the city of Waukesha, you may also qualify for the \$100 toilet rebate and a \$25 shower head rebate.

For more information on how to find and fix leaks, or for toilet and shower head rebates, please visit the Waukesha Water Utility's website at [www.waukesha-water.com/wtc.html](http://www.waukesha-water.com/wtc.html).