

# How to check a toilet for leaks

**Toilets leak more than any other water-using item in the home, and they can be costly!**

Save water and money by checking your toilets for leaks. Click on the [video](https://youtu.be/iOntqeVGOU) below. [https://youtu.be/ iOntqeVGOU](https://youtu.be/iOntqeVGOU)



## How to check for toilet leaks:

- Lift of the toilet tank lid.
- Place 1 dye tablet (we have dye tablets available free at the main water office) or 10 drops of food coloring in the toilet tank.
- Do not flush.
- Wait 15 minutes (or more) without flushing.
- Check the water in the bowl of the tank. If color appears in the bowl, the toilet has a leak.

## Commercial Leak Detection – Flush Valve Toilet Leaks

### Flush Valve Toilet Leaks –

Leaks in flush valve style toilets are less obvious. Streaks of orange or blue staining on the fixture itself are often indication of a leak at the inlet valve. A larger leak might be visible as small streams of water continuously flowing down the inside of the fixture after the flush has completed. Sometimes a smaller leak might create tiny disturbances in the water surface in the bowl as droplets slide down the sides of the bowl. If there are always drops of water above the water surface even hours after the last flush, this could indicate a small leak. And if the water surface level

declines significantly over time between flushes, there could be a leak in the outlet valve seal. Leaks in a flush valve type toilet need to be fixed by a plumber or maintenance staff member who is familiar with this procedure.