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...An American home can waste, on average, 11,000 gallons of water annually because of running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks. More than 1 trillion gallons of water leak from U.S. homes each year. A leaky faucet alone, dripping at the rate of one drip per second, can waste more than 3,000 gallons in a twelve-month period. With these staggering statistics, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and WaterSense are launching Fix a Leak Week, March 16-20, 2009, to remind Americans to check their plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks.

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Public Works encourages all community members to help conserve our precious water resources by checking for and repairing leaks in:

- ✓ toilets,
- ✓ indoor and outdoor faucets,
- ✓ showers,
- ✓ washing machines and dishwashers, and
- ✓ swimming pool systems and spas.

See the WaterSense website for information on how to detect and repair common household leaks: <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/pubs/fixleak.htm>.

There are many other simple ways to conserve water. For example:

- ✓ Irrigate landscaping only as needed. Adjust automatic irrigation systems according to the season and weather.
- ✓ When using a hose, use a nozzle that shuts off the flow when released. Don't let children use the hose as a toy.
- ✓ Sweep sidewalks and driveways with a broom instead of hosing them off.
- ✓ Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- ✓ Wash only full loads of laundry or dishes.
- ✓ Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.
- ✓ Apply a thick layer of mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and retain soil moisture.

The top two indoor water uses in a typical house are toilet (27%) and clothes washer (22%). The City offers rebates for replacement of older toilets and washers with high-efficiency models. Visit the water conservation pages on the City's website (<http://www.cityofwoodland.org/gov/depts/pw/areas/environment/water/default.asp>) for information on these rebates and more water conservation tips, as well as links to other websites where you can read about detecting and repairing common household leaks, learn about the relationship between the products and foods you consume and water use, estimate your “water footprint,” find an online water home use calculator, visit a water efficiency clearinghouse, and find other resources on water conservation. ♻

Remember – Don't Be a Drip! Save Water.

