



# Fix A Leak Week 2017

March 20-26, 2017

# EPA Fix A Leak Week

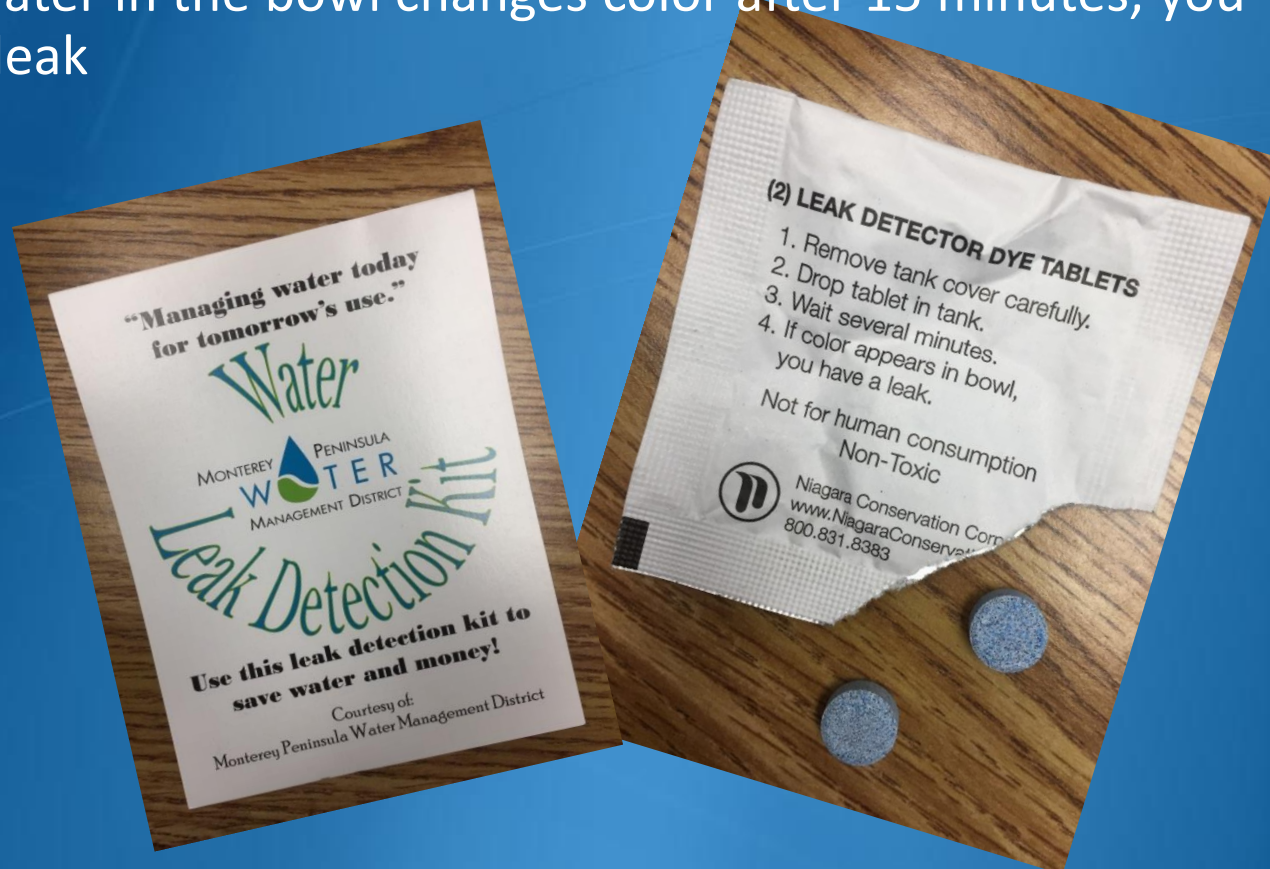
- Are you ready to chase down leaks? Household leaks can waste nearly 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, so each year we hunt down the drips during Fix a Leak Week.
- Mark your calendars for the EPA's annual Fix a Leak Week, March 20 through 26, 2023—but remember that you can find and fix leaks inside and outside your home to save valuable water and money all year long.

# Find and Fix Leaks

- To check for leaks in your home, you first need to determine whether you're wasting water
  - Then identify the source of the leak
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used
  - If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak

# FREE Toilet Leak Detection Kit

- Pick up a FREE toilet leak detection kit from the Water Management District at 5 Harris Court, Bldg. G., Monterey
  - Or put a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank
- If the water in the bowl changes color after 15 minutes, you have a leak



# Toilet Flappers

- Old or worn-out toilet flappers (e.g., valve seal) leak
- Flappers are inexpensive rubber parts that can build up minerals or decay over time
- Replacing them can be a quick and easy fix
- Bring the old flapper for comparison to make sure you buy a new flapper that fits your toilet model
  - Check the manufacturer's website for the appropriate replacement part number
  - Or use a universal flapper available at the Water District
- **Don't forget to apply for a Rebate if you buy one!**

# Faucets

- Old and worn faucet washers and gaskets frequently cause leaks in faucets
- Many tutorials are available online for how to fix a wide variety of faucets
- The Do-It-Yourself Network has a handy reference on faucet repairs
- YouTube has numerous video tutorials on how to fix a dripping faucet

# Showerheads

- Some leaky showerheads can be fixed by making sure there is a tight connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem and by using pipe tape to secure it
- Pipe tape, also called Teflon tape, is available at most hardware stores, is easy to apply, and can help tame unruly leaks
- For more complicated valve leaks in showers that drip when not in use, contact an experienced handyman or licensed plumber

# Outdoors

- If you have an in-ground irrigation system, check it each spring before use to make sure it wasn't damaged
  - Or hire an irrigation professional certified by a WaterSense labeled program to inspect it for you
- Also check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot
  - If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench



# Leaks Still Running?

- If you have leaks and you find these solutions aren't enough to stop them, it might be time to replace your leaking fixtures
- Look for the WaterSense label when considering a new toilet, faucet, or showerhead
- Take advantage of Rebates from the Monterey Peninsula Rebate Program (831-658-5601)
  - Applications at [www.MontereyWaterInfo.org](http://www.MontereyWaterInfo.org)



# Board Adopt Resolution 2023-03

- The Board should adopt Resolution 2023-03 declaring the week of March 20-26, 2023 to be Fix a Leak Week in the Monterey Water District.



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For more information visit:

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