



Fix A Leak Week 2017

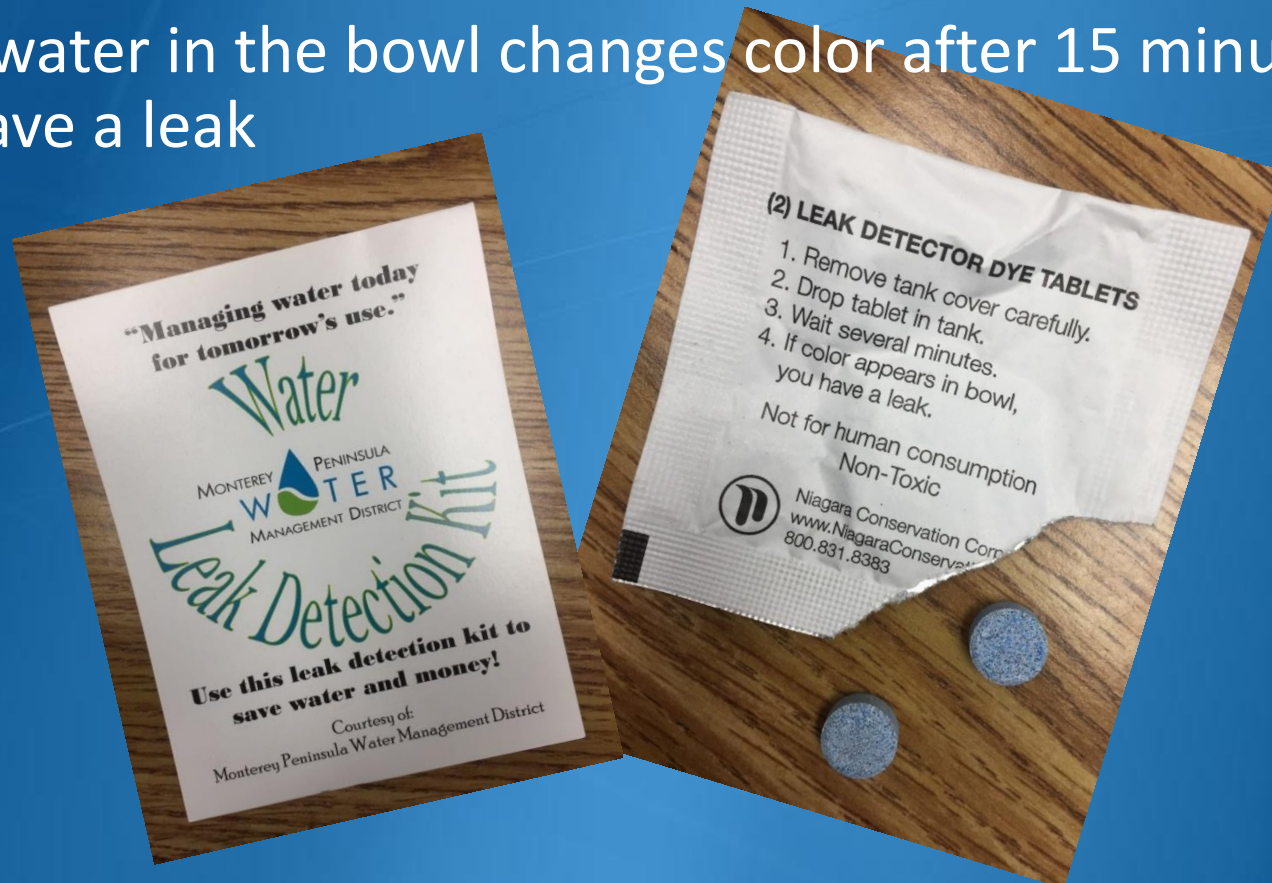
March 19-25, 2018

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

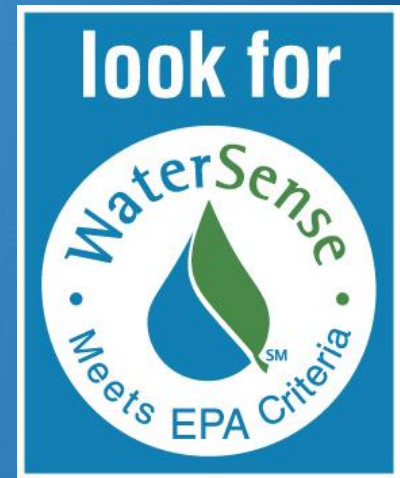
- Some leaky showerheads can be fixed by making sure there is a tight connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem and by using pipe tape to secure it
- Pipe tape, also called Teflon tape, is available at most hardware stores, is easy to apply, and can help tame unruly leaks
- For more complicated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





Be a
Leak Detective
for



Fix a Leak Week

For more information visit:

www.MontereyWaterInfo.org

