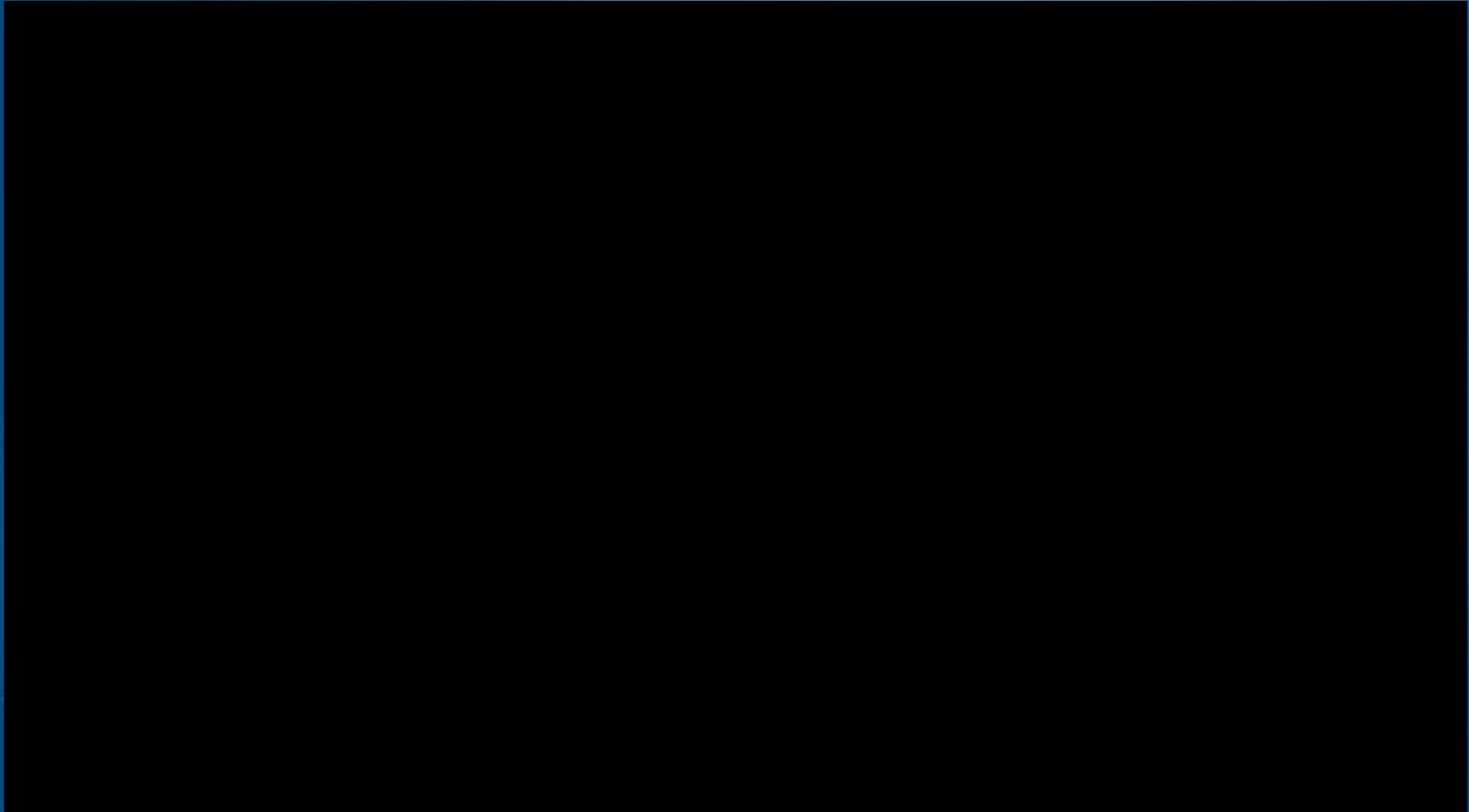


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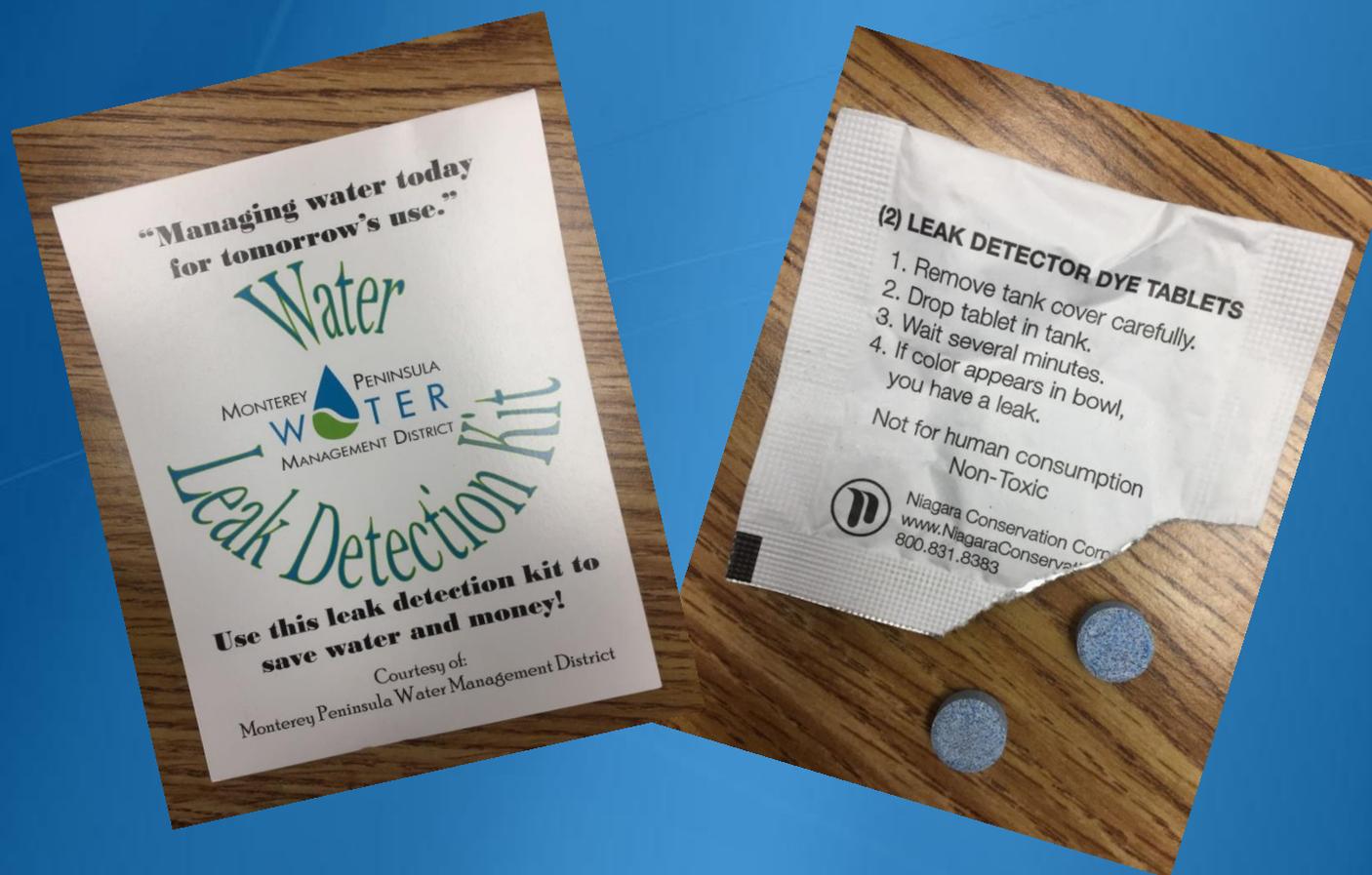


# Find and Fix Leaks

- To check for leaks in your home, you first need to determine whether you're wasting water
  - Then identify the source of the leak
- Take a look at your water usage during a colder month (compare years)
- 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 MPWMD at 5 Harris Court, Bldg. G., Monterey



# Toilets

- A common reason why toilets will leak is an old or worn-out toilet flapper (e.g., valve seal)
- 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
  - You can also check the owner's manual or the manufacturer's website for the appropriate replacement part number for the flapper

# 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
- Finally, 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 Flowing?

- If you've already determined 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)

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