



## **TIPS FOR SAVING WATER & LOWERING YOUR BILL**

By saving water, you can lower your monthly water bill and help avoid waste of a precious natural resource – drinking water. Wasted water that goes down your drain also increases the cost for treating wastewater. Below are some tips and suggestions to help you reduce your water use and save you money.

### **COMMON SOURCES OF INDOOR WATER LEAKS**

#### **💧 TOILETS**

If the toilet in your home has a leak, you could be losing as much as 200 gallons of water every day. Check for toilet leaks by adding several drops of food coloring to the toilet's water tank. If the toilet has a leak, color will start appearing without flushing in the toilet bowl within 30 minutes. If color appears in the toilet bowl then it means you have a leak that needs repair.

#### **💧 FAUCETS & SHOWERHEADS**

A slow drip from your faucet or showerhead can waste as much as 20 gallons of water every day. Check all faucets and showerheads for drips.

#### **💧 DISHWASHER & WASHING MACHINE**

You may have a leak that needs repair if you consistently find water on the floor around or near your dishwasher or washing machine.

#### **💧 WATER HEATER**

Check for water dripping down the side or if you find water around or near the water heater, you may have a leak that needs repair.

### **COMMON SOURCES OF OUTDOOR WATER LEAKS**

#### **💧 IRRIGATION & SPRINKLER SYSTEM**

Check your irrigation or sprinkler system for damage to the sprinkler heads and the rain sensor on a regular basis especially before turning on for the spring and summer use. Always check your irrigation or sprinkler system's controller settings on regular intervals and after loss of power for correct setting.

#### **💧 OUTDOOR FAUCETS, SPIGOTS & HOSE BIBBS**

Check all outdoor faucets, spigots, hose bibbs, and similar connections for drips and leaks. A slow drip can waste as much as 20 gallons of water every day.

#### **💧 SOFT & SOGGY SPOTS IN THE YARD**

Check for soft and soggy spots in your yard might be sign of a water leak in your underground water pipes. Standing water around the foundation on a consistent basis could mean you have a water leak that requires repair.

#### **💧 SWIMMING POOL LEVELS**

Check the water level in your swimming pool on a regular basis. If the water level drops six (6) inches or more per month typically indicates a leak that requires repair. Also, check the area around the pumps for any leaks.