



## How to Check for Leaks

To check for property leaks, customers should:

- Turn off all the devices that use water in the home.
- Locate your water meter, which should be in or near the sidewalk area fronting your building or home.
- Open the meter cover and check to see if the red arrow or small black triangle on the meter is moving. If so, you have a leak somewhere on your property. Have the leak repaired as soon as possible.

A leaky toilet causes approximately 80 percent of high water bills, and detecting and preventing this hidden culprit is easy. To check for a leaky toilet, customers should:

- Remove the toilet tank cover and drop in a blue dye tablet (check our website [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) for pickup locations) or a couple of drops of food coloring.
- Wait 10-15 minutes, and if the color appears in the toilet bowl, you have a leak.
- A faulty flapper valve causes most toilet leaks. You should check it regularly and replace it if necessary.

To check for underground leaks, customers should:

- Examine your lawn for wet spots, where grass seems greener.
- Wet spots and areas where grass seems significantly greener could indicate a broken underground pipe.
- If you suspect you have a broken underground pipe, you should call a plumber.