



Drop your drip.

Time to fix those water-wasting leaks.

It's just a leaky faucet, right? You may be surprised. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense® program, minor household leaks account for more than 1 trillion gallons of wasted water every year. Is your toilet running right now? That could be wasting over 200 gallons a day.

Fixing leaks is always a good idea, but **March 14th – 20th is national Fix A Leak Week**. It's the perfect time to remember to check your faucets, toilets and sprinklers for leaks and fix them. With a little help from your local hardware store, repairing most leaks is pretty easy.

In most cases, replacement parts pay for themselves quickly and can be installed by do-it-yourselfers, your favorite handy person or a professional plumber. Following are a few water-saving tips:

- ◇ Reduce faucet leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and, if necessary, replace the faucet with a WaterSense labeled model. (Be sure to look for the WaterSense label for products that use less water, just as you would look for the EnergyStar label for products that use less energy.)
- ◇ Leaky toilets are most often the result of a worn toilet flapper valve. This is a simple repair, but be sure to check with your hardware store for the correct valve for your toilet.
- ◇ This spring, replace the hose washer if your garden hose leaks and be sure to repair your spigot if it leaks.
- ◇ Automatic landscape irrigation systems should also be checked each spring before use to make sure they are not damaged by frost or freezing.



To get more tips and learn more about the city's water saving rebate and incentive programs, visit SaveDallasWater.com.

A little drip can be a big problem. Fix your leaks today.