



A little drip can be a big problem.

Fix your leaks today.

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.

Fixing leaks is always a good idea, but March 17th – 23rd 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.
- Is your toilet running right now? That could be wasting over 200 gallons a day. 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.
- 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.

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WaterSense® Labeled Home Open House

In observance of national "Fix a Leak Week", Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center - Dallas, in partnership with the US EPA Region 6, and Dallas Water Utilities will host an Open House of the WaterSense® Labeled House and showcase new multi-family apartments.

On March 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. the renovated home and apartments will be open for visitors. These residential facilities serve as working models that demonstrate to visitors just how easy water conservation can be.

Both indoors and out, the WaterSense® Labeled House and apartments provide hands-on learning opportunities in areas like hot water on demand systems, water-efficient fixtures, water-efficient landscaping and irrigation systems, rainwater harvesting and rain garden design. They also include upgrades using renewable and energy-efficient products for the flooring, countertops, lighting and appliances.

The WaterSense® Labeled House and apartments are located on the AgriLife campus at 17360 Coit Road, Dallas, TX 75252.