

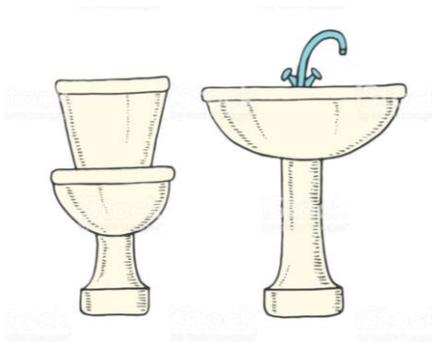
# WATER DEPARTMENT

## NEWS AND UPDATES

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### TOILET LEAKS

**Finding and fixing toilet leaks could potentially save you thousands of dollars. Yes, we are obsessing about toilet leaks.**



Toilet leaks are a common cause of leak notices. There is a misconception that you can see or hear a leaky toilet. Often you can. But a toilet flapper can seep such small amounts of water that you will never see nor hear the leak.

Your water meter is very sensitive and will see this very small continuously running water and will flag it as a leak.

If you get a leak notice here are the first few steps to take:

- 1) **Check all indoor and outdoor faucets for drips:** sinks, tubs, showers, hose spigots, hoses, any garden hose attachments. Some homeowners have thought that it was not possible for the meter to “see” the tiny drip at their faucet and have looked all over for a leak. Your meter will almost always flag a dripping faucet or hose as a leak.
- 2) **Pick up FREE toilet tabs at the business office.** Use them in every toilet. Use per the instructions. Wait at least 30 minutes before giving up. If any color is visible in the toilet bowl, you have a leaky flapper. Check the toilet overflow. Make sure the float is set properly so that the water fill line shuts off before the water level in the toilet tank reaches the spill-over. A plumber or handyman can assist with this.

**According to septic system experts, large volumes of water into a septic system can cause the system to fail.** A tiny leak over a year’s time adds up to significant water waste. Fixing leaks can save your association money in water treatment costs and can save or extend the life of your septic system.

**Please do not postpone or ignore leak letters. Thoroughly check all faucets and toilets as soon as possible.**