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TIPS ON FINDING A WATER LEAK

Water leaks are costly and wasteful. A slow drip can waste more than 15 gallons of water per day. The property owner is responsible for leaks from the curbstoep to the house, including all plumbing inside the house.

The following is a list of several things you can check if you suspect you have a water leak:

- It is easiest to start checking with your toilets. Toilets are a common cause for leaks in your home. If your toilet runs after you flush it, you should get it repaired immediately. Toilets can also have silent leaks. In order to test for a silent leak, put food coloring in the tank at the back of the toilet (not the bowl). If the color shows up in the bowl without you flushing, it means that the water is leaking around the bottom flap in the tank.
- If your toilets are not the problem, you should check around your home for dripping faucets, pipes, and leaks around your hot water tank.
- Check the pressure relief valve on the hot water tank. Sometimes these valves are plumbed directly into a drain and may be leaking without your knowledge. If you can't remove the drain pipe to check for a leak listen for a hissing sound; it may be leaking.
- Check the shower head for leaks. It should be a fairly straightforward home repair if this is a source of leaking.
- Check the garden; look at dripping hoses, taps, and irrigation systems.

These suggested tips are to assist you with finding potential leaks in your home; there could be other issues, and this list is not meant to be all-inclusive. For more information or assistance on finding and fixing leaks, contact a licenced plumber.

