

# Save 10,000 Gallons in 10 Minutes

(NAPSA)—Did you know that easy-to-fix household leaks could waste at least 10,000 gallons of water per year (and 10 percent of your water bill)? Join thousands of Americans all over the country this week in taking just 10 minutes to check for household water leaks.



In just **10** minutes **you could save...**

- 10** percent on your water bill
- 10** thousand gallons of water
- 10** months of laundry water

**Find and fix leaks!**

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**Stop leaks to start saving resources.**

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According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program, in the span of two television commercial breaks, you could save more than 10,000 gallons of water, which is equivalent to the water used to wash 10 months' worth of laundry.

Finding leaks is easy. To get started, put a few drops of food coloring in the tank to check for silent toilet leaks. Wait 10 minutes before flushing; if color shows up in the bowl, you probably need a new toilet flapper—an easy repair.

While you wait, check your other plumbing fixtures for drips—they may seem small, but all those drops really add up. Next, check your winter water bills. Most families of four use 12,000 gallons of water per month or less in winter. If your bill is showing something higher, you could have a serious leak—inside or out.

Finally, step outside and inspect your garden hoses. Are they damaged or cracked from winter's frost? If you have an inground irrigation system, an irrigation professional certified through a WaterSense labeled program can check for leaks and broken sprinkler heads.

See [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense) for more information about Fix a Leak Week and a list of certified irrigation partners in your community.