

# Every drop counts!

Leak size - equivalent to openings of: 1/16 inch 1/8 inch 1/4 inch

Cubic metres per day

Note: 1 cubic metre = 1,000 litres

Cost per day (2017 rates)	\$13*	\$52*	\$217*
Cost per bill (2017 rates)	\$1,169	\$4,676	\$19,485

\* rounded to the nearest whole number

## More information

- visit [winnipeg.ca/fixaleak](http://winnipeg.ca/fixaleak)
- contact our Utility Billing Centre by email at [utilitybill@winnipeg.ca](mailto:utilitybill@winnipeg.ca) or by phone at 204-986-2455



Water and Waste Department

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# Get a handle on leaks!



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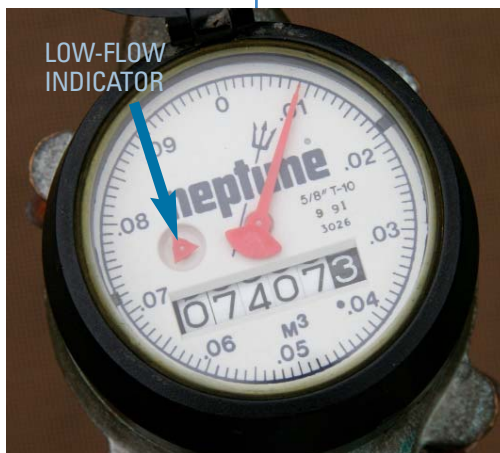
**Plumbing leaks can waste water 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and cost you hundreds of dollars each year.**

## The water meter is your leak detector



**Read the water meter regularly and follow these steps to see if there is a leak in your home.**

- 1** Turn off all water-using appliances (e.g., washing machine, dishwasher, sprinkler).
- 2** Find your water meter – usually located in the basement or crawlspace.
- 3** Open the lid on the water meter. Every meter will have a sweep hand, and some have a low flow indicator.



### Low flow indicator model

You have a leak somewhere in your home if the low flow indicator is moving when you aren't using any water.



### Sweep hand model

- Mark the position of the sweep hand.
- Don't use any water for 30 minutes.
- If the sweep hand has moved after the 30 minutes, you have a leak somewhere in your home.

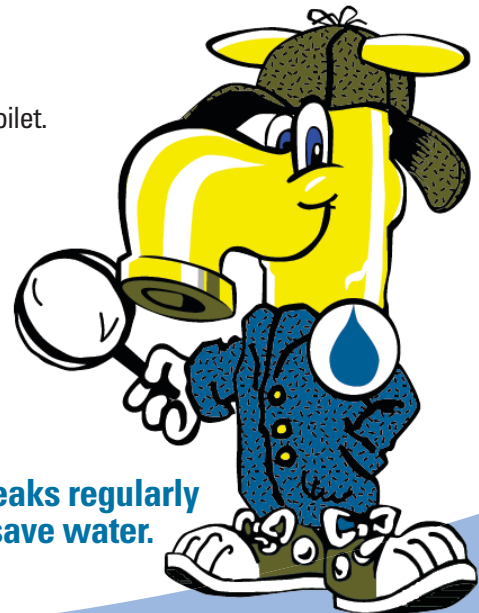
## Check your toilets for leaks

The majority of leaks occur in the bathroom and the main culprit is the toilet.

**Follow these simple steps to check your toilet for leaks:**

- 1.** Remove the toilet tank lid.
- 2.** Add a few drops of food colouring into the tank.
- 3.** Wait 15 minutes.
- 4.** If the water in the bowl has changed colour, then you have a leak.

The most common cause for a leaking toilet is a worn out flapper valve. This is an easy and inexpensive fix. If you have any difficulty changing your flapper, we suggest you contact a licensed plumber.



**Remember to check for leaks regularly to help save water.**