How to become a leak detective

Stop wasting water and money by learning how to find and fix the leaks in your home!



The Case

- Fixture: Toilet
- Background: Notorious for undetected leaks
- Amount wasted: a running toilet can waste 20–40 liters per hour
- Repair Difficulty: Easy

The test



To test your toilet for leaks, put some food coloring in the holding tank and wait about 15–30 minutes. If, without flushing, the colour shows up in the bowl you have a leak.



The solution

The most common reason why a toilets will leak is an old or worn-out flapper. Replacing them can be quick and east and most importantly inexpensive. Bring your old flapper to the hardware store with you to easily find a replacement.

Keep it up!

Checking your toilet several times a year for leaks and making repairs quickly means savings on water usage and wastewater treatment. Please do your part to conserve water because every drop counts!



For more information on detecting leaks in your home, visit: strathcona.ca/waterconservation

