

BPU TIP SHEET: FINDING AND FIXING LEAKS

ARE WATER LEAKS DRAINING YOUR WALLET?

A quick guide to finding and fixing them

It's a lot more than just a drop in the bucket

A leaky faucet dripping at a rate of one drip per second can waste over 3,000 gallons of water per year.

FIX A LEAK LEGEND

DIY Do It Yourself

 Call A Professional

Toilets

If your toilet is continuously draining and refilling, the plunger ball or flapper valve probably need replacing. If the water flow doesn't shut off after flushing, you may have to adjust or replace the float ball.



Sinks

When a faucet keeps dripping, even when you tightly close it, the problem is most likely a worn or improperly fitted washer. Faucets without washers may need to be rebuilt or replaced.

Refrigerators

If the ice making unit isn't working properly, you'll notice excessive ice accumulation in the freezer and small puddles under the refrigerator.



Dishwashers

Water on the floor around the unit? Probably a leak.



Hot Water Tank

Water dripping down the side of the tank and accumulating on the floor below is often a sign that the pressure valve release isn't working properly.



Washing Machine

Water on the floor around the machine could indicate a leak.

Outside Service Line

If you notice a soft, wet spot on your lawn when the rest of the yard is dry or hear water running outside of the house, the service line to your house may be leaking.



Outside Faucets

If faucets around your house haven't been drained or shut properly, frigid winter temperatures can cause pipes to freeze. Check for leaks when the weather warms up.



Sprinkler Systems

Look for soft spots on your lawn. This can be an indication of a leak flowing into the ground.

