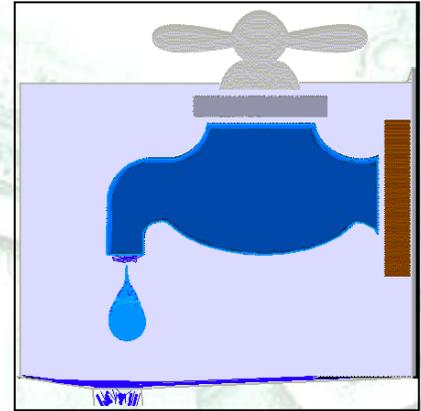


Stop Flushing Your Cash Down the Toilet!

But... "It's Only a Small Drip...Right?"

Slow drips of water can add up quickly. A toilet that "keeps running" after you flush or a sink that drips after it is turned off can waste thousands of gallons of water a year. If the drip is hot water, you are paying for wasted energy too.



Residential Water Leaks

In an average residence, 22 gallons of water are lost to leakage each day, and the most common culprits are leaking toilets or dripping faucets. This daily leakage volume is about equal to the amount of drinking water a family of 3 needs for two full weeks! The annual water and sewer cost for 22 gallons of leakage is \$80 per household.

Fix leaks as soon as you find them. They won't go away on their own.

You Can Fix a Leaky Faucet!

Sixteen percent of all water used in the average home comes from the faucet. Dripping faucets are one of the places where we waste water in our homes. In Paw Paw, leaks not only put stress on the drinking water system, but also send clean water to the wastewater treatment plant. You can reduce your impact on the environment and save money and water by repairing some leaks yourself.



Drips per Minute

For smaller/slower leaks... simply count the number of drips in one minute from the leaky fixture. **Note: 5 drips per second amounts to a steady stream.** A faucet or shower head that drips 60 times in a minute will waste 8.64 gallons/day; 259.2 gallons/month; 3,153.78 gallons/year!



"Bucket & Stopwatch Method"

For larger/more rapid leaks... hold an 8 ounce cup under the dripping fixture and time, in seconds, how long it takes to fill the cup. A faucet that drips rapidly or has a small steady leak can be measured by seeing how long it takes to fill an 8 ounce cup. For example, a rapid drip or steady leak that takes 45 seconds to fill an 8 ounce cup will waste 120 gallons per day; 3,600 gallons per month and 43,800 gallons per year!

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