



### Tips on how to detect water leaks

#### **Detecting a leak in the toilet**

Remove tank lid from back of toilet. Flush the toilet as usual. Wait for the water to rise again to the full level. Listen for a possible drip or leak. If no leak is detected, add 4 to 5 drops of a dark food coloring. Replace tank lid and wait approximately 30 minutes. Check the toilet bowl for signs of the food coloring. If no coloring is present, there is no leak. If the food coloring is visible, there is a leak.

#### **Hose Bibs**

Locate all the hose bibs (these are the connections your hose attaches to). Remove hose from threaded connection. Watch for a leak. Also listen for any sound that may be emitting from the faucet location.

#### **Hot Water Tank**

Look for any moisture on or around the tank. Also listen for any hissing sound coming from the pressure relief valve located on top of the tank. This may be plumbed to a drain and/or to the outside of the house. Check for moisture.

Other locations that leaks may occur are: backflow preventers, faucets, valves and/or pipes in your irrigation system or sprinkler heads.

**WATER COSTS MONEY!  
DON'T WASTE IT!**

A leak of 2 gallons per hour is 48 gallons per day or almost 18,000 gallons per year.

#### **WARNING:**

- If you think the leak may be inside the water heater, don't stick a screwdriver in it. Call an expert! Puncturing the tank or contacting wires can be very dangerous!
- Also, have wires and pipes professionally located before digging. Cutting or damaging either can be dangerous and/or expensive!