

## Why is my water bill higher than normal?

### How to check for a water leak.

The water meter WILL NOT move if there is no water flowing thru it. Turn everything off in the home , no dishwasher going, no washing machine going, no water moving ... Then go to the water meter and check the numbers on the meter, write it down. Go back 15-20 minutes later and write them down again. If the numbers have not changed then you do not have a leak, if the numbers have changed or if you see them moving, you have a leak.

## Your water meter is also a leak detector

### Here are some helpful tips on how to save water.

Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers in them. If your faucet is leaking at the rate of one drop per second you can expect to waste 2,700 gallons per year.

Check your toilets for leaks by adding food coloring in the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear within 30 minutes into the bowl area.

Check your toilet flush handle frequently if it sticks in the flushing position which will allow water run constantly.

Don't let the water run while shaving or brushing your teeth.

Operate dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded or properly set the water level for the size of the load you are using.

Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended.

### Water Loss Flow Chart

<u>Size Line</u>	<u>Gallons per hour</u>
¾ inch line	1,500
1 inch	3,000
2 inch	6,000