

benefiting Project Agua

Fix A Leak Program

Home Water Conservation Checkup



Before starting your checkup, make sure no one in your home is using water, including washing machines, dishwashers, etc.

Is the leak indicator — the red triangle on the face of your water meter — moving? Yes No

Meter reading at start of checkup: _____

Meter reading at end of checkup: _____

General Leak Detection

If you have an irrigation system, locate and turn off the master control valve.

Does the leak indicator on your water meter stop moving?

Yes No

Check for indication of a leak in the supply line, which typically makes a straight path from the meter to the house. Visible signs of a leak include:

- Water in the meter box
- Wet or green spots between meter and house
- Other _____

Check all outdoor water spigots. Are there visible signs of a leak?

Yes No

Check around the foundation and other potential sources of outdoor leaks such as pools, hot tubs, water heaters, water softeners, fountains, etc. Are there visible signs of a leak? Yes No

Toilets

Do you hear the toilet running periodically?

Yes No

Do you see water flowing in the toilet bowl at all times?

Yes No

How many toilets do you have? _____

How many of these toilets were manufactured prior to *1994? _____

*Open tank lid, find manufacture date on underside of tank lid or inside tank.

Faucets

Are there any noticeable leaks at any of the faucets or under the sinks?

Yes No

Tubs And Showers

Are there any noticeable leaks? Yes No

Irrigation System

Number of zones: _____

Is the irrigation system on?

Yes No N/A

How many days a week do you irrigate in the summer? _____

In the winter? _____

Irrigation Maintenance Issues

- Sunken Heads Clogged Heads Low Pressure
- Not Vertical Misaligned Underground Leak
- Broken Heads Blocked Heads
- Overspray to Impervious Surface (such as driveways, sidewalks, etc.)

Customer Information

Customer Name

Service Address ZIP

SAWS Account Number

Customer Signature Date

All forms must be completed and postmarked to SAWS no later than **April 1, 2010**. Forms may be submitted in person or by mail to:

SAWS Conservation Department
ATTN: Fix a Leak Program
2800 U.S. Hwy 281 North
San Antonio, TX 78212

Fix A Leak Program

Home Water Conservation Checkup



Tips for Finding Leaks In and Around Your Home

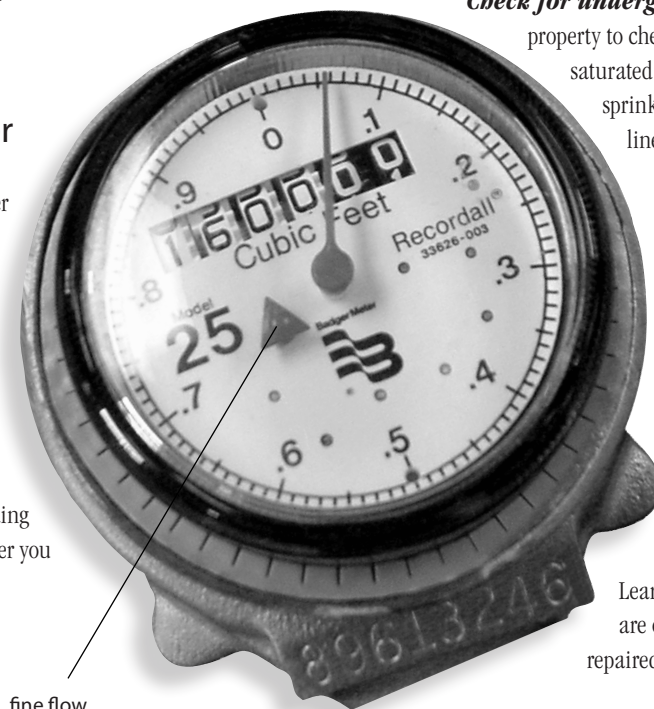
Locating Your Water Meter

Water meters are located underground beneath a round or oval lid. The most common placement is between a front hose bib (outdoor faucet) and the street. If the house is on a corner lot, the meter could be on the side of the house. Alley locations are common in certain parts of the city as well. Remember, this is South Texas so watch for spiders, ants and snakes when opening the lid.

Reading Your Water Meter

Step 1 - Turn off all inside and outside water faucets.

Step 2 - Check the meter. Watch for 10 minutes. If the fine flow indicator (triangle on the face of the meter) moves clockwise, leaks exist on your property and need to be located. In some cases, it may move back and forth slightly as water pressure in the street fluctuates. Check the main meter reading (numbers) and come back an hour later after you know no water has been used. If there is a higher reading, there is a leak.



fine flow indicator

YOUR METER READING

0	1	4	0	4	X	X
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Understanding Your Meter Reading

Your meter has a number display similar to the one pictured above. Disregard the last two numbers with the black background. Subtract the previous meter reading (provided on your statement) from the current one. The result will be the amount of water used since the last reading in hundred cubic feet. To convert to gallons, multiply this amount by 748.1.

How to Locate the Source of the Leak

Check your toilets – Add food coloring or dye tablets to the water in the tank. Do not flush the toilet for 30 minutes. If coloring appears in your bowl, you have a leak.

Check for underground leaks – Walk around your property to check for green patches of turf or moist or saturated areas on the ground. Remember to check sprinkler valves, heads and the main sprinkler line.

Check your water heater – Look for standing water or water stains near your water heater.

Check for broken pipes – Check these areas: ceiling, between walls and around the slab. If your walls, floors or ceiling have stains, mildew or moisture, you may have a water leak.

Check your faucets for drips – Learn to repair your own faucets. Faucet repairs are often simple and inexpensive to fix if repaired promptly.

Check your valves – Check for leaks in cutoff valves at the toilet and under your sink. Remember to check your sprinkler valves if you have a sprinkler system.

Check your icemaker – Check to see if the icemaker is dripping and look for water stains on the floor. Make sure your icemaker is connected properly.

For more information on how to locate or repair minor leaks, visit the EPA WaterSense Web site at www.epa.gov/watersense or the SAWS Web site at www.saws.org/leak

