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**H**ousehold leaks constitute up to 14% of all indoor water use. Simple and inexpensive repairs can help prevent our drinking water from being wasted.

Remember to check your faucets and toilets at least once a year to reduce the waste of drinking water. Ensure you know the location of your main water shut-off in case of a water leak emergency.

Always check your water bill for abnormal consumption. **Be a leak detective to save drinking water and your hard-earned money, too!**

For more information or if you have any questions, check out the CRD website or contact them at 250-474-9600: [www.crd.bc.ca/water](http://www.crd.bc.ca/water)

To help residents proactively look for leaks in their homes, the CRD distributes Fix a Leak Week kits. These kits include toilet dye tabs, a bag to measure the flow rate of the showerhead, a tag to identify the emergency water shut off, and a household guide to water efficiency."



### 606 Water Group's No Kit Fix

- 1 Put a few drops of food colouring into the toilet tank and wait fifteen minutes. If the water in the bowl is coloured there is a leak. Turn off the water line, flush and drain the tank and scrubbing the flapper and hole may stop the leak. If not, it needs new parts. Take them to buy the right new size or call a plumber. Put a bucket or big bowl under the shower head and turn on the water for 10 seconds. Turn it off and pour into a measuring cup. A high efficiency shower head gives 1 litre or 3 ½ cups in this time.
- 2 Mark your water line shut off valve with flagging tape or bright paper marked "Water".
- 3 Check all your taps, inside and out for drips. Even slow drips waste water and cost money. Check your water bills to see if there is an unexplained increase. You may have a leak.



