

Checklist for chasing down leaks

Water leaks inside and outside the home can occur at any time for a variety of reasons. Many are simple fixes, while other leaks may require consultation with a plumber or a landscape irrigation system professional.

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■ Toilets - Place 10 drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. Do not flush. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak.

In the kitchen

■ **Appliances** - Check for pooling water underneath dishwashers and refrigerators with ice makers.

In the basement

- Water heater Check beneath the tank for pooling water, rust or other signs of leakage.
- Whole house filtration and reverse osmosis systems Check to see if they are working properly. Look for signs of leakage.
- Water softeners Check to see if they are working properly. Look for pooling water around the base of the softener.
- **Humidifiers** Check the base of the humidifier for water coming out of the cabinet, and check that it is working properly.

Outside

- **Spigot** Ensure tight connections with the hose and check the hose washer to see if it needs to be replaced.
- **Pressure** Check for loss or lower pressure of spray heads. This can be seen when your yard is being watered unevenly.
- □ Irrigation system Check for broken sprinklers or nozzles spraying in the wrong direction. Also, check for faulty zone valves and other underground issues with sprinkler pipes and connections.

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