



# Fix a Leak Week March 15-21, 2010



**Save water, save money:** More than 1 trillion gallons of water are wasted in American homes each year from easy-to-fix water leaks. The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC WASA) reminded its customers to improve their water efficiency by finding and fixing leaks during “Fix a Leak Week,” March 15-21, 2010. Use these simple conservation tips throughout the year to save water and save money. Grab a wrench and fix those dripping faucets and toilets and save about 500 gallons per month.

**MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010** – Fixing household leaks is a great way to preserve water and save money too. Did you know that leaks account for more than 10,000 gallons of water in households each year? Consumers can save more than 10 percent on their utility bills by addressing easy-to-fix household leaks.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010** – Use the “My Account” feature to track your daily water usage online. The HUNA system notifies customers of major spikes in water usage, which can alert you of potential leaks or plumbing problems. To learn more and sign up for HUNA, visit [www.dcwasa.com/customer/huna\\_form.cfm](http://www.dcwasa.com/customer/huna_form.cfm).



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010** – Install low-flow aerators. A leaky faucet that drips at a rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water per year.



**THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010** – Leaking toilet flappers are common household leaks. To determine if you have a toilet leak, simply place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color appears in the bowl before flushing, then you probably have a leak. Make sure you flush immediately afterwards to avoid staining the tank.



Did you know that flushing an old, inefficient toilet is just like flushing twice? If it's time to replace your toilet, look for a WaterSense labeled model and know that you'll be preserving water.



**FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010** – Remember to practice wise water use year-round. You can save up to 1,000 gallons of water a month by keeping showers under five minutes and installing a low-flow showerhead. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 3 gallons a minute.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 20 - 21, 2010** – Check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. You can keep your home leak-free by repairing and, if necessary, replacing your leaky plumbing fixtures with WaterSense labeled models. These products use about 20 percent less water and perform as well as, or better than, standard models.



For more information on water conservation, visit DC WASA's website at [www.dcwasa.com/education/conservation](http://www.dcwasa.com/education/conservation) or EPA WaterSense at [www.epa.gov/WaterSense](http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense).