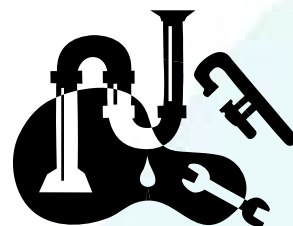


FACT SHEET

HOW TO DETECT A LEAK & HOW MUCH WATER IS LOST FROM A LEAKING TAP?

A simple check can be made by following these steps:

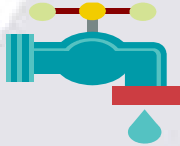

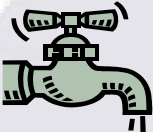

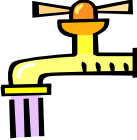


- 1 TURN OFF** everything in your house that uses water.
- 2 LOOK AT YOUR METER** and note down the numbers on the RED dials.
- 3 WAIT FOR AT LEAST 1 HOUR** (with all taps still turned off).
- 4 RELOOK AT YOUR METER:** Any movement on the red dials indicates you have a leak.

NEW STYLE METERS are even easier to detect a leak:

- 1 TURN OFF** everything in your house that uses water.
- 2 LOOK AT YOUR METER.** There is a small triangle in the centre of the face. This triangle is called a low-flow indicator.
- 3 CHECK TO SEE IF THE TRIANGLE IS TURNING.** The low-flow indicator SHOULD NOT be moving. Any movement of the triangle indicates you have a leak.
- 4 CHECK YOUR HOUSE FOR DRIPPING TAPS,** dribbling cisterns, or unusual damp patches in the garden. Consult a plumber for assistance if needed.

HOW MUCH WATER IS LOST FROM A LEAKING TAP ??

WATER LOSS RATE	WATER LOSS VOLUME
<p>One drop per second</p> 	<p>2.9 ml/min 4.176 litres/day 117 litres/month 1,513 litres/year</p>
<p>Two drops per second</p> 	<p>8.9 ml/min 12.82 litres/day 385 litres/month 4,678 litres/year</p>
<p>Drops breaking into a stream</p> 	<p>61ml/min 88.32 litres/day 2,649 litres/month 32,327 litres/year</p>
<p>3.2mm Stream</p> 	<p>683 ml/min 984 litres/day 29,523 litres/month 359,160 litres/year</p>
<p>6.4mm Stream</p> 	<p>2431ml (2.43litres)/min 3501 litres/day 105,034 litres/month 1,277,865 litres (1.278ML)/year</p>