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## Wasting Water? It's Fix a Leak Week!

As part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ongoing **We're for Water** campaign, this year's Fix a Leak Week encourages Americans to help put a stop to the more than 1 trillion gallons of water wasted from household leaks each year.

Sponsored by EPA's WaterSense® program, Fix a Leak Week is March 14 through 20. In support of We're for Water, the City of Plano is promoting finding and fixing residential leaks.

To save water for future generations, just remember to check, twist and replace.

- **Check for leaks.** Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, and fixture connections. Also check for silent leaks in toilets by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank and seeing if it appears in the bowl before you flush. Don't forget to check irrigation systems and spigots too.
- **Twist and tighten pipe connections.** To save more water without a noticeable difference in flow, twist on a WaterSense labeled faucet aerator.
- **Replace the fixture if necessary.** Look for WaterSense labeled models, which are independently tested and certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

The City of Plano distributes low flow showerheads, shower timers, toilet leak detection tablets, toilet flappers, aerators and rain gauges free of charge to Plano residents. Residents should visit the Customer & Utility Services counters at the Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Ave. or at the Joint Use Facility, 7501 N Independence Pkwy. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday to pick up water conservation items.

"Leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water in an average home every year—enough water to wash nearly 10 months worth of laundry," said Meagan Fendley, Environmental Education Coordinator. "We hope residents will find and fix leaks to save water in our community."

In many cases, fixture replacement parts pay for themselves quickly and can be installed by handy do-it-yourselfers, or contact your favorite plumbing professional. Also, WaterSense partners with certified landscape professionals can check irrigation systems for leaks. Visit [epa.gov/watersense](http://epa.gov/watersense) to find WaterSense labeled products or an irrigation partner in your area. For more information on Fix a Leak Week, visit [epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak](http://epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak).

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