



Leaky Toilet Test

A leaking toilet could be wasting hundreds of litres of water day, flushing your family's money down the drain! It's good to check for water leaks from faucets in your kitchen and bathroom, but toilet leaks can be one of the most common water leaks found in a home. Time to put your toilet to the test!

Testing supplies: Food coloring, toilet cleaning supplies, paper towel

Step 1

Clean your toilet bowl. If you have a colored cleaner attached to your toilet, please have an adult remove it. Flush the toilet until the water in the tank and bowl looks clear.

Step 2

After taking the lid off the tank, squeeze a few drops of food coloring into the tank so the water is a solid color. Be careful not to get the dye on your clothes! Do not flush the toilet.

Step 3

Leave the toilet along for 15-30 minutes. Put a note on the toilet to remind people not to use it.

Step 4

When the time is up, look into the bowl of the toilet to see if the water has changed color at all. If the water HAS changed color, please tell an adult in your house so that they know there is a toilet leak.

Do this to each toilet in your house!

Parents: In case it is needed, here is a [guide to repairing toilets](#) from the City of Calgary.