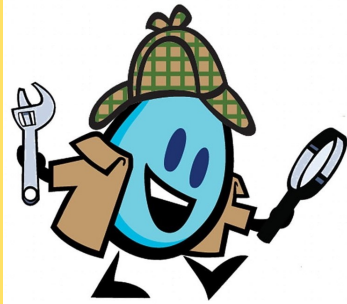


Simple Steps to Find Leaks in Your Home or Business

Check your water meter:



1. **Turn off all water**, including showers, sinks, washing machines, dishwashers.

2. **Locate your meter box.**

Carefully open the meter lid. The small pointer or dial near the center of the meter is the flow indicator and



should be still if you are not using any water. If the flow indicator is moving while all water is turned off, you have a leak, and should try to isolate the leak.

3. **Isolate the leak.** Turn off the shut off valve to your house. (Usually on the front outside faucet.) If this stops the dial from moving, the leak is likely in the house. If the leak indicator is still moving, water is flowing between the meter and the shut-off valve. That means you could have a leak between the meter and the valve where water enters your home. This is called the “service line.”

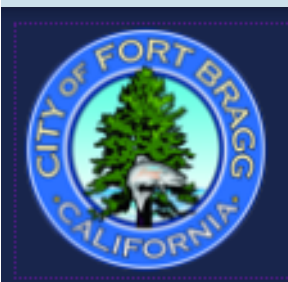
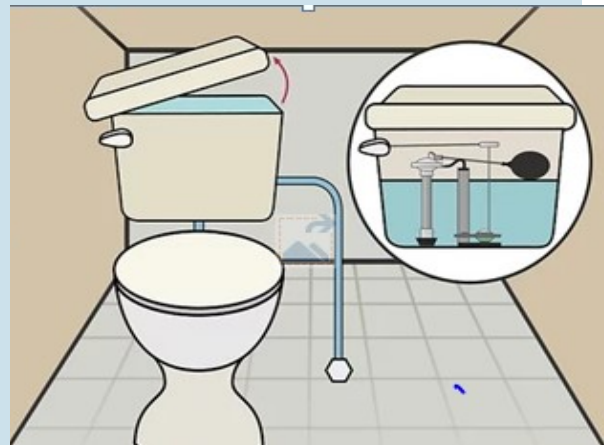
DO NOT DIG OUT THE METER. IF IT IS BURIED, CALL THE CITY.

DO NOT TURN THE METER OFF OR ON. (This is a code violation.)

Check your toilet(s)

Toilets are responsible for MOST indoor leaks.

To test for a leak, simply **open the lid on the toilet tank and add a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet.** (City of Fort Bragg will provide FREE Toilet dye tablets) Don't flush the toilet -- instead, wait an hour or two without using the toilet at all. Afterward, check the water in the bowl. If the food coloring has seeped into the bowl, you know you have a leak.



We are here to help!

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