



Clayton County Water Authority is Celebrating **National Fix a Leak Week**

Household leaks waste water and cost you money.

The most common indoor leaks are from a leaky toilet or faucet.

Learn how to quickly check for leaks and repair them with parts from your favorite do-it-yourself home improvement store.

Stop by one of our Customer Service locations

March 14 -18 between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

to speak to our staff about leaks and

enter to win one of two, \$50 water bill credits.

HQ Office

1600 Battle Creek Road

Morrow, GA 30260

Forest Park Office

526 Forest Parkway, Suite A

Forest Park, GA 30297

For more information, visit ccwa.us or call 770.960.5200.

How to Detect Leaks

A small leak, about the size of a pin head, dripping at one drop per second can add up to 7 gallons of water a day. A large leak, the kind most often found in toilets, can waste 200 gallons of water or more a day!

Most leaks are easy to fix. You Tube videos, do-it-yourself books and a home improvement store are great resources to help learn how to repair most leaks yourself. Check out the following when you suspect a leak:

Faucets

Check faucets in the bathroom and kitchen periodically. Worn washers are most often the cause of dripping faucets.

Sprinkler Systems

Broken sprinkler heads or damaged underground pipes are common sources of sprinkler system leaks. Watch your system run at least once per month to spot problems early.

Toilets

Check toilets for leaks often. The most common causes of a leaking toilet are:

- 1) float device set too high, which causes water to run into the overflow tube
- 2) a warped or cracked flapper.

Inexpensive toilet leak kits are available at home improvement stores.

Use your water meter to determine if you have a leak

- Make sure no water is being used inside or outside (no washing machine filling, no shower running, no watering outdoors, etc.).
- Locate your water meter box. Carefully remove the cover and lift the top of the meter.
- Find the red Leak Indicator on the meter dial. If all of your water sources are off and the Leak Indicator is rotating, you may have a leak. Leaks can waste thousands of gallons of water in a just a few days so it pays to fix leaks promptly.

For more information, visit us at: www.ccwa.us and subscribe to our YouTube channel



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Staff Providing Tips on Finding and Fixing Leaks at both Customer Service locations

Morrow, Georgia – Clayton County Water Authority (CCWA) staff is inviting customers to stop by either of its customer service locations March 14 - 18 to learn how to check for common household leaks and how to make simple repairs that save thousands of gallons of water and money.

CCWA staff is encouraging customers to find and fix leaks to help stop the more than 1 trillion gallons of water wasted from household leaks in the U.S. every year. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) ongoing We’re for Water campaign promotes Fix a Leak Week every March to educate consumers on the importance of finding and fixing leaks to save water and reduce their monthly water bills

“Customers are always surprised how much water small leaks can waste, especially toilet leaks,” said P. Michael Thomas, general manager of the Clayton County Water Authority. “During Fix a Leak Week, members of our staff will be providing simple tips to check for and repair most household leaks. They will also be able to answer questions and provide information on our Toilet Rebate Program.”

CCWA Meter Services and Customer Service staff will be available at the Headquarters Office at 1600 Battle Creek Road in Morrow and the Forest Park Office at 526 Forest Parkway, Suite A in Forest Park March 14 – 18 between 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to provide helpful tips and information on CCWA’s Toilet Rebate Program. Customers may also enter to win one of two \$50 water bill credits. Customers are also encouraged to visit CCWA’s YouTube channel to watch several educational videos.

To help save water for future generations, CCWA is asking consumers to check, twist, and replace:

- **Check for leaks.** Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, sprinklers, and other fixtures. Also check for toilets with silent leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank, waiting 10 minutes, and seeing if color appears in the bowl before you flush. Don’t forget to check irrigation systems and spigots too.
- **Twist and tighten hose and pipe connections.** To save water without a noticeable difference in flow in your bathroom, twist on a WaterSense labeled faucet aerator.
- **Replace the fixture if necessary.** Look for WaterSense labeled models, which are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

In many cases, fixture replacement parts pay for themselves quickly and can be installed by handy do-it-yourselfers or local plumbing professionals. Visit www.epa.gov/watersense to find WaterSense labeled products or an auditor in your area. For more information on Fix a Leak Week, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

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