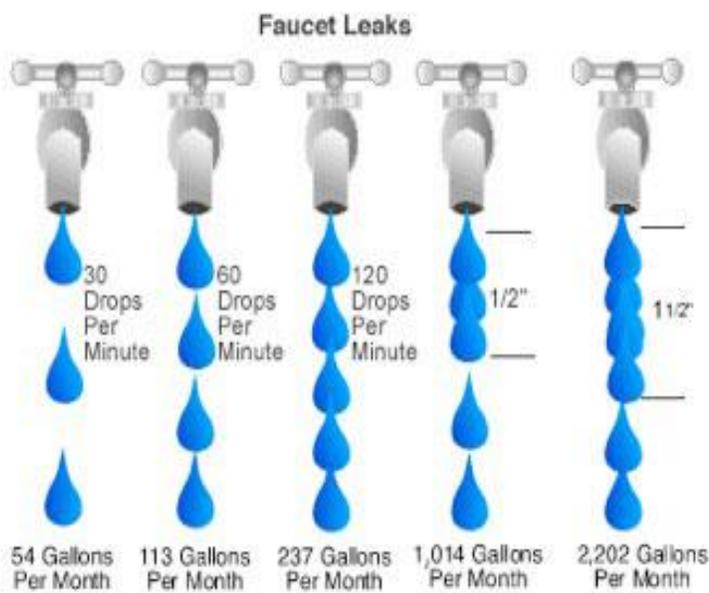


Water Leaks

Since your water and/or sewer bills are calculated based on consumption, a leak can result in a much higher than normal water bill. Some leaks are easier to find than others, such as a dripping faucet or a running toilet. If you suspect a toilet leak, but do not hear it running, a good way to verify is to place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait a few minutes. If the water in the bowl turns color, you have a leak and the flapper probably needs replacing. Other leaks are harder to find, especially if they occur outside or underground, like in a sprinkler system.

Remember, any leak that occurs after the curb stop is the homeowner's responsibility to repair. Even a small leak can have a significant impact on water loss, which will increase your bill accordingly. See the charts below for examples.



WATER LOSS IN GALLONS					
LEAK SIZE	LOSS PER DAY	LOSS PER MONTH	LEAK SIZE	LOSS PER DAY	LOSS PER MONTH
•	120	3,600	●	6,640	199,520
•	300	10,800	●	6,964	209,520
•	693	20,790	●	8,424	252,720
•	1,200	36,000	●	9,585	296,640
•	1,920	57,600	●	11,324	339,720
•	3,095	92,880	●	12,750	361,600
•	4,295	128,880	●	14,952	448,560

For the smallest leak on the chart, water and sewer customers would lose approximately 21,600 gallons per billing period (semi-annually), which at current rates (\$4.75 for water and \$7.65 for sewer) would equate to \$272.80. For a water only customer, this equates to \$104.50.