

PSC Urges Consumers to Hunt Down the Drips in Fix a Leak Week

Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, so the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) urges you to "hunt down the drips" during Fix a Leak Week 2015, March 16-22.

Sponsored by EPA's WaterSense program, the seventh annual Fix a Leak Week public awareness program encourages consumers to find and fix household leaks, curbing both severe and typical household water leaks. Average household leaks account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year—enough water to wash 270 loads of laundry!

"Hunting down the drips in your plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems will not only save precious water supplies, but also save you money on your utility bill all year long," said PSC Chairman Art Graham. "To help you identify and repair your water leaks, look for the water house illustration in our **Drop by Drop** brochure on the PSC website."

> Click here to view PSC brochure **Drop by Drop** for more water conservation information.

According to the EPA, fixing your water leaks can lower your water bill by more than 10 percent. Repairing common household leaks is as easy as 1-2-3:



Check toilets for silent leaks. Put a few drops of food coloring in the tank to see if the color appears in the bowl before you flush. Don't forget to check irrigation systems and spigots, too.



Twist and tighten pipe connections. To save even more water without a noticeable difference in flow, twist in a WaterSense labeled faucet aerator or showerhead.



Replace the fixture if necessary. Look for the WaterSense label when replacing plumbing fixtures, which signifies the product has been certified to save water and perform well.

For more information on Fix a Leak Week visit <u>www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak</u>.

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