

HOW TO BE A DRIP DETECTIVE

Don't be fooled into thinking a minor leak is a minor problem. Even the smallest leaks can turn into costly water bills and result in major damage.

TURN OFF

the main water valve, then check the water meter outside your home. If it's still moving, water is flowing somewhere.

10,000

Number of gallons of water the average household's leaks can waste every year.

\$7,039

The average cost of a claim due to water damage or freezing. Water damage is the second-most frequently filed homeowner insurance claim.



CHECK

your water bill. A bigger water bill probably means you have a leak.

INSPECT

your washer, dishwasher and other water-related appliances for worn or damaged hoses at least once a year.



LOOK

all around the house. Water gets in from damaged roofs, seeps in through wet foundations and can appear where you least expect it. And don't forget irrigation systems outdoors!



6,300

Number of gallons of water that can be wasted each month due to an irrigation leak no larger than the thickness of a dime.