

## DON'T LET YOUR TOILET WASTE WATER

1. A SILENT LEAK IN YOUR TOILET CAN WASTE SEVERAL THOUSAND GALLONS OF HIGH QUALITY WATER EACH YEAR AND PLACE UNNECESSARY DEMANDS ON YOUR SEWER SYSTEM OR SEPTIC TANK.

USUALLY YOU CAN NOT HEAR THE LEAK BECAUSE IT RUNS SLOWLY OUT OF THE TANK.

A LEAKING TOILET IS A SAD TOILET!

2. HOW CAN YOU DISCOVER IF YOUR TOILET LEAKS?

SIMPLE. FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS AND YOU'LL KNOW.

- (A) LIFT OFF THE LID FROM YOUR TOILET TANK.
- (B) PLACE THREE OR FOUR DROPS OF ORDINARY FOOD COLORING INTO THE TOILET TANK (NOTE--DO NOT USE DYE--IT COULD STAIN).
- (C) DO NOT FLUSH OR OTHERWISE DISTURB THE TOILET FOR ONE OR TWO HOURS OR LONGER.
- (D) AT THE END OF THE WAITING PERIOD, OBSERVE THE TOILET BOWL. IF THE COLOR YOU PLACED INTO THE TANK SHOWS UP IN THE BOWL, YOU HAVE A LEAK.

3. HOW DO YOU FIX A LEAKING TOILET?

MOST FREQUENTLY, LEAKS IN TOILETS ARE CAUSED BY A DEFECTIVE FLUSH VALVE. A FLUSH VALVE IS A FLAP OR BALL PLUNGER DEVICE THAT IS SUPPOSED TO ACT AS A STOPPER IN THE BOTTOM OF YOUR TOILET TANK. AFTER SEVERAL YEARS AND MANY FLUSHINGS, THE STOPPER CAN BE KNOCKED OUT OF SHAPE OR SIMPLY WORN OUT.

TO MAKE YOUR TOILET HAPPY AND TO SAVE WATER, SEE YOUR HARDWARE DEALER OR PLUMBER AND OBTAIN AN INEXPENSIVE AND EASY TO INSTALL REPLACEMENT VALVE OR COMPLETE REPLACEMENT KIT.

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