Dear resident,

**Detecting leaks is one of the most impactful actions you can take to prevent wasting water and keep our utility bills as low as possible.**

 Running toilets can use more water than taking 15 showers a day! Even dripping faucets and tubs can add up. Just one drop every two seconds wastes more than 1,000 gallons per year. You can stop leaks and prevent water loss by recognizing leaks and fixing them right away.

Look, listen, and lift the lid to identify a running toilet. You have a leak if:

* You hear your toilet tank refilling constantly or between flushes
* You see water flow or dribble into the bowl even when you haven’t flushed it
* You have to jiggle the handle to get the toilet to stop running
* You see or feel that the flapper is starting to show signs of wear

If you find a leak, fix it right away to prevent any further water waste Most leak repairs are simple and inexpensive.

**Replacing vs. repairing toilets**

If your toilet regularly has issues or was installed before 2004, it may be time to replace your toilet. Old toilets can use five times more water each flush than new efficient ones. While early “low-flow” toilets often needed double-flushing, today’s toilets work well and save water. You may be eligible for a $100 rebate.

Visit [savingwater.org](https://www.savingwater.org/) for more tips, tools, and rebates. Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

Your HOA

Visit the Saving Water Partnership website for more information **and helpful resources for fixing leaks, including:**

* [How-to Videos](https://www.savingwater.org/indoors/fixing-leaks/how-to-videos/) for fixing leaks in several languages
* [Toilet Leaks](https://www.savingwater.org/indoors/toilets/toilet/)
* [Indoor Faucets](https://www.savingwater.org/indoors/faucets/indoor-faucet/)
* [Outdoor Faucets](https://www.savingwater.org/indoors/faucets/outdoor-faucet/)