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# HOME DIY: LEAK CHECK

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FILL IT OUT ONLINE

## STEP #1

### FIND YOUR METER

Your water meter tracks your water use and can help you identify potential leaks.



YOUR WATER USE STARTS HERE



The meter above has a read of "634" CCF. 1 CCF or unit of water = 748 gallons

Current Billed Meter Read Date \_\_\_\_\_ (See water bill)

Current Billed Meter Read \_\_\_\_\_ (A) (See water bill)

Total Billed Usage \_\_\_\_\_ CCF (See water bill)

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Meter Read \_\_\_\_\_ (B)

**B - A = CCF of water used**  
\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ CCF

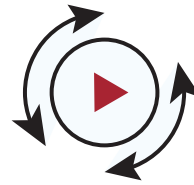
\*Your water meter is typically located in front of your home in a concrete box near the property line at the street. Tips: Bring a flat-head screwdriver to help you open the lid and a wet rag to clean the meter face.

## STEP #2

### LOOK FOR MOVEMENT ON THE METER



Turn off all faucets and water-using devices inside and outside your home.



### IS THE LOW FLOW TRIANGLE OR STAR SPINNING?

**NO**, it is not moving.

**YES**, it is moving.

If you marked YES, continue to the step below.



LOW FLOW INDICATOR

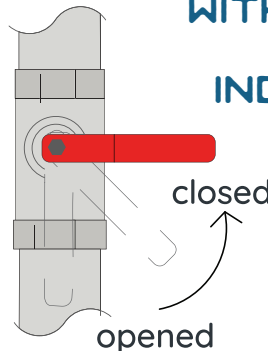
\*Note: Digital meters have a faucet icon that indicates flow.



## STEP #3

### ISOLATE WATER FLOW

If the low flow indicator is spinning, then turn off your house valve. This is probably located in your front yard or garage (see pg. 2).



### WITH THE HOUSE VALVE CLOSED, DOES THE LOW FLOW INDICATOR CONTINUE TO SPIN?

**NO**, it is not moving.

**YES**, it is moving.

\*If the answer is **NO**, then the water flow is indoors. If the answer is **YES**, then the water flow is outdoors.

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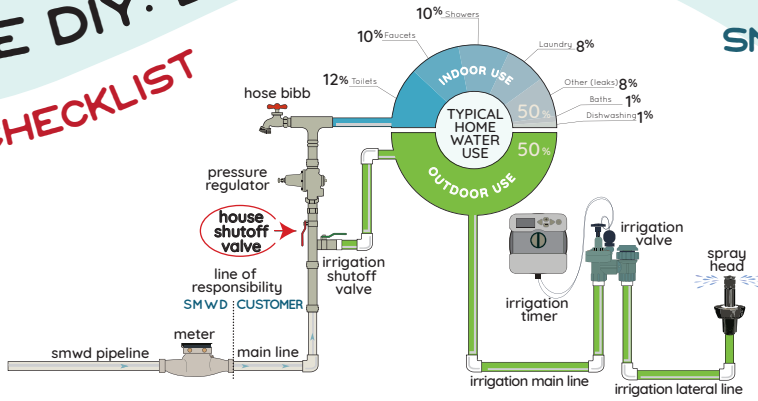
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## WATER USE CHECKLIST

FILL IN

### HOME CHECK



### YARD CHECK

#### Indoor

#### Outdoor

- shutoff valves** (gate & ball valves)\*  
check these valves yearly to ensure they are not stuck in place or corroded.
  - home shutoff valve:** turns off water to home
  - fixture shutoff valves**
  - appliance shutoff valves**
- toilets** (check all toilets)
  - listen for running water
  - lift up tank lid--check water level
  - dye test--no blue water in the bowl
- fixtures** (check for drips)
  - shower heads**
  - faucets:** sinks and tubs
  - hose bibbs**
- appliances**
  - water softener/filtration:** listen for running water, check salt level
  - clothes washer:** check supply hose
  - ice maker:** check supply tubing and fittings
  - water heater:** listen for running water
  - dishwasher:** check supply tubing and fittings
  - humidifier:** turn on heater and inspect valve and supply line, confirm drain line is draining.

- shutoff valves** (gate & ball valves)\*
  - irrigation shutoff valve:** turns off water to sprinkler mainline. Not all homes have this.
- fixtures** (check for drips)
  - hose bibbs**
  - outdoor faucets:** sinks and basins
- irrigation system**
  - timer:** check for hidden programs and extra start times. Go to [www.smwd.com/watering](http://www.smwd.com/watering)
  - main line:** check for wet areas in the landscape
  - control valves:** listen for running water
  - lateral lines:** run system manually to check
  - spray heads:** run system manually to check
  - drip lines:** run system manually to check
- swimming pool\***
  - auto-fill valve:** listen for running water
  - pumps:** listen for running water
  - connections:** check for drips

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\* Corroded or stuck valves may be hard to turn. Do not force the valve open; it may break.  
 \* More severe leaks include pinhole, slab, main line, and swimming pool leaks.



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