

Get to Know Your Meter

Almost all homes in the City of Fargo have a Neptune Meter. You will find it in your basement/crawlspace, about a foot away from the main shut-off water valve. If the leak detector dial or arrow is moving forward and you are not running water, you may have a leak. In some cases, it may move back and forth very slightly, as water pressure in the street fluctuates.



How to Check for a Leak

You may also want to check the main meter reading at night, refrain from using water overnight and then check the meter reading in the morning. If it has changed, something in the house is drawing water through your meter at night. The next night, turn off the valves on all your toilets, read your meter and the next morning see if your meter moved. If it didn't change during the night, then it appears your toilets are in need of repair.



Contact us

If you have questions about your meter, please contact us.

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Don't Flush Away Your Money!



HIGH WATER BILL



Why is My Water Bill So High?

Did you receive a high water bill? If you did, it could have been caused by a number of different factors. To narrow it down, check the dates of service your bill covers. Now, consider any changes in your water usage habits during that time. Some common changes include: additional house guests, filling a swimming pool, additional landscape watering, washing cars or more laundry. If nothing was different during that time period, you might have a leak.

Common Water Leaks

One of the most costly household wastes of water is a leaky toilet. According to the American Works Association, toilets account for 45% of all indoor water use in a typical residence.

How to Conserve Water

- Install a 1.6 gallon toilet.
- Buy a water-efficient washing machine.
- Repair Leaks.
- Reduce water use in lawn/garden.
- Wash full loads.
- Minimize shower time.

Signs of a leaky Toilet

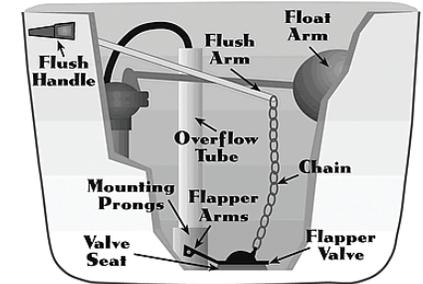
- If you have to jiggle the handle to make a toilet stop running.
- Any sounds coming from a toilet when it is not in use.
- If you have to hold the handle down to allow the tank to empty.
- If you see water running over the top of the overflow tube.
- If you can see water trickling down the inside of the toilet bowl long after it's been flushed.
- If water drips out of the fill tube into the overflow pipe.
- If a toilet turns the water on for 15 seconds or so without the handle being touched.

Leaky Toilets

It is estimated that 20% of all toilets leak. Toilet leaks can range from small to large, constant to random, and loud to silent. Depending on the water pressure in your house and the size of the leak, a toilet can leak 1 gallon of water per minute which adds up to 1,440 gallons per day. The most common places inside the tank that can leak into the bowl include a worn out flapper valve, malfunctioning fill valve and water going over the overflow tube.

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Toilet Tank Diagram



Why Slow Drips Matter

Slow drips of water can add up quickly. A toilet that “keeps running” or a sink that drips after it’s turned off can waste thousands of gallons of water a year. A small leak in your automatic irrigation system can waste about 6,300 gallons of water each month. If the drip is hot water, you are also paying for wasted energy. Fix leaks as soon as you find them, because they are costing you money.

How Much Water Do I Use?

Use	Average gallons per day
Bathing	15-25
Sink	3-5
Toilet	5-15
Washing clothes	10-20
Washing dishes	5-10
Cooking	1-2
Miscellaneous	1-3
Total	40-80 GPD