

Take the leaky toilet test. It's easy.

One leaky toilet can fill 28 bathtubs per month.

Each day, leaky toilets in Ponoka homes waste enormous amounts of our water. In fact, one in four toilets are silently leaking. It could cost you one hundred dollars a year!

1
drop
...wait
10-15
minutes.



2
peek
...if the
water in
the toilet
bowl changes
color, you've
got a leak. The faster the
dye appears, the more
significant the leak.



3
Repair
...see reverse for
simple repairs or
hire a plumber.



Stop the waste. Take the leaky toilet test.

Find a leak? Check your toilet flapper first.



Inexpensive and easy to replace, the toilet flapper is the number one culprit for most leaky toilets. Your toilet's flapper holds water in the tank, but over time its seal can

wear out, causing a silent leak (see reverse page for a diagram).

Test and repair your flapper:

1. Rub the bottom of your flapper with your finger. If you get streaks of rubber, the flapper should be replaced.
2. Take your old flapper with you to the store when purchasing a replacement. This ensures you get the right part for the job.
3. Install your new flapper and take the Leaky Toilet Test again to ensure you've stopped the leak.

Not the flapper? See reverse side for leaky toilet fixes.



$\frac{1}{32}$ " stream wastes
110 Litres in 24 hours
 3.5 m^3 in one month



$\frac{1}{16}$ " stream wastes
450 Litres in 24 hours
 14 m^3 in one month



$\frac{1}{8}$ " stream wastes
2.0 m^3 in 24 hours
 55 m^3 in one month

This picture illustrates one cause of wastage of water in house fixtures. Another source of wastage is leaks in toilets. Inspect these two sources of waste for leaks often, and if leaks are discovered have them repaired at once, as your meter is registering the leakage.

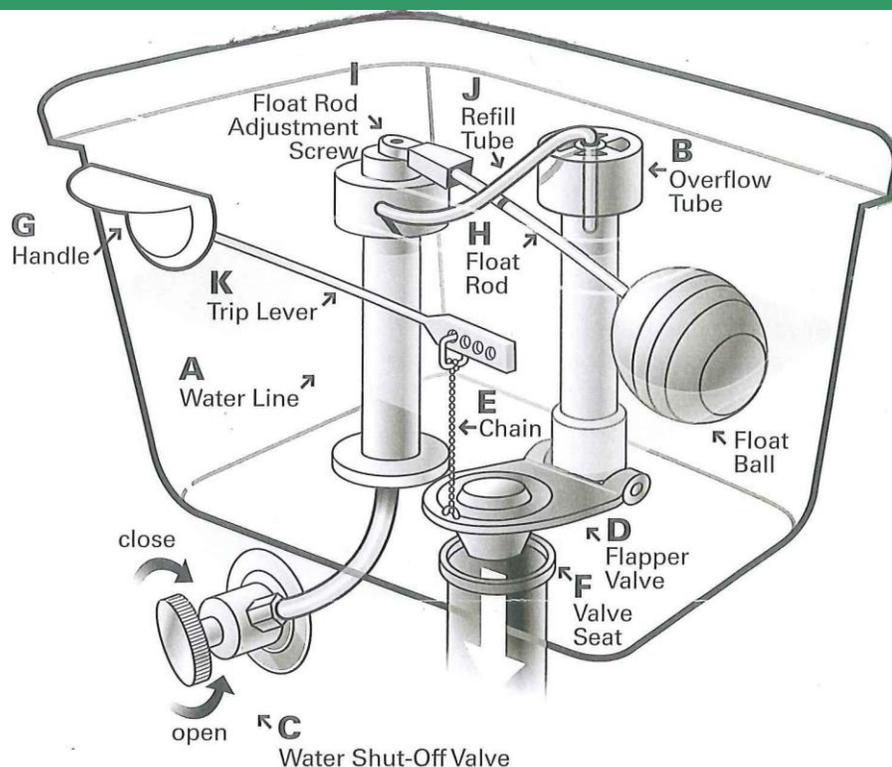
Yes! Even you can fix a leaky toilet.

If you've discovered a leak, here are some simple repair directions you may consider.*

First, determine where the toilet is leaking by looking at the waterline (A).

1. If the water is below the overflow tube (B), follow Step 1.
2. If water is spilling into the overflow tube (B), follow Step 2.

Note: Close the water shutoff valve (C) to your toilet before making any repairs.



Step 1. The flapper (D) leaks

- Old flappers are the most common source of leaks, turn this page over for more information about your flapper.
- The chain (E) that controls the flapper may need to be adjusted for the flapper to sit properly on the valve seat (F). If the chain is kinked, replace it with a ball-type chain. If needed, tighten the nut that holds the toilet handle (G) to adjust the trip lever properly (K).
- Your toilet may run on because the valve seat (F) is corroded or covered with mineral deposits. Dry the valve seat and sand it smooth with sand paper.

Step 2. The water level is too high

Turn the float rod (H) adjusting screw (I) clockwise to lower the water level one or two centimeters below the overflow tube. Replace the screw if it's corroded or stripped. Ensure the refill tube (J) is securely inside the overflow tube (B) and no deeper than five centimeters.

**This information is provided for your benefit. If you do not feel comfortable making these adjustments, please hire a plumber. The Town of Ponoka will not be responsible for any damage to your toilet because of faulty repairs.*