

# Toilet Leaking?



## You may have a leak if. . .

- There are sounds coming from the toilet, but no one is using it.
- The “Phantom Flush” - The toilet sounds like it is running, but no one has flushed it.
- You have to jiggle the handle to get it to stop running after being flushed.
- You have to hold the handle down to allow the tank to empty.
- If you look in the tank and see water running over the top of the overflow.

## The Dye Test

Drip 4 to 5 drops of food coloring into the toilet tank. (*Your TCSD Utilities Conservation Coordinator can also provide you with dye tablets for this test.*)

Wait 20 minutes then look in the toilet bowl. If the water inside the toilet bowl has turned even the slightest shade, you have a leak. A properly operating toilet will hold water in the tank indefinitely with out any water seeping into the bowl.

## To determine what is causing the leak:

Use a pencil to draw a line at the water level in the tank.

Turn the water supply valve off at the toilet and wait 20 to 30 minutes.

If the water level has gone down, you have a leaky flapper

(flush valve) in the bottom of the tank. It will need to be replaced.

If the water level has stayed the same, you have a fill valve problem. You will need to reset the water level by adjusting the float. The water level should be about 3/4” below the top of the overflow tube.

Follow manufacturer’s recommendations on how to perform this adjustment.