

The Villages®



WATER WISDOM

SMART MANAGEMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN FLORIDA'S FRIENDLIEST HOMETOWN

Seek the Leak

Leaks can be one of the biggest wastes of water. Did you know that a small leak can waste 300 or more gallons of water a month? Become a *Water Wise* resident and check your home for leaks, indoors and out!

Indoor and Outdoor Piping:

Turn off all faucets and water-using appliances.

Turn off your irrigation system.

Record the current reading on your water meter. Wait 30 minutes. Make sure the water is not turned back on during the testing period.

Read the meter again. If it has changed you may have a leak in one of your pipes.

Outdoor Leaks:

Soft, wet spots on your lawn can indicate a leak around a sprinkler or a leak to the service line to your house. If the spot is located around the sprinkler system contact a licensed irrigation contractor for repairs. To check for a service line leak, try shutting off the main shutoff valve to your house and listen for the sound of running water. Both symptoms can indicate an outside service line leak, so contact an irrigation contractor or a plumber for repairs.

Other Types of Leaks:

Leaks can also occur in faucets, hoses and connectors so check them regularly and replace if necessary.

Check for pool leaks by placing an empty bucket on the pool step. Fill it with water to the level that is equal to the level in the pool. Check the water level in a few days. If the pool's water level is lower than the bucket your pool may have a leak. Keep in mind that pools will lose about 1/8" to 1/4" of water a day because of evaporation. Don't forget to also check the pool's shut off valve, which automatically keeps your pool full. To check for a malfunction, look for the pool's water level to stay higher than normal, and check the overflow pipe to see if water is overflowing. Call your plumber or a pool technician for repairs.

The Villages Water Wisdom program aims to help you become a *Water Wise* resident and a better steward of our precious water resources.