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## ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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### Commission joins EPA's "Fix-a Leak Week" Initiative

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission is encouraging residents to be water smart and check for household leaks which can be costly to the consumer.

March 20<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup> is "Fix a Leak Week" sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency's *WaterSense* initiative which encourages residents around the country to check their fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. It is estimated that household leaks waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water each year.

Common types of leaks found in the home include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. All are easily correctable.

To detect leaks

- Examine your winter water usage. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.
- One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 10 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.

To prevent leaks repair dripping faucets, toilet flappers, and showerheads. In most cases, fixture replacement parts don't require a major investment.

For more information on leaks or what to do if you suspect a leak, contact the Arizona Corporation Commission's Utilities Division at (602) 542-4251 or 1 (800) 222-7000 or go to [www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov).

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