



East Grand Forks Water & Light Department

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IS YOUR WATER USAGE HIGH?

Water leaks in the home can cause high water bills. The numbers on a water meter only move when water is going through it.

If you think your water bill is too high, check faucets and sprinkling systems for leaks and do the following checks to all the toilets in your house. The most common reason for excessive water usage is because of a toilet that is in need of repair. The inside components of your toilet will need to be repaired if any of the following things are happening:

- First, if you can hear water running in your toilets.
- Second, if you have to jiggle the handle when you flush to stop the toilet from running.
- Third, if neither of the above things are happening, put food coloring in the tank of all your toilets. Leave it for a couple of hours to see if the coloring ends up in the bowl. If it does, then you have what we call a “Silent Leak” and you should replace or fix the inside components of your toilet.

If no leak is found, call the Distribution Service Center at (218) 773-0515. We would be happy to set up an appointment to check your home. If a leak is found, a plumber will need to be called.

