Avoid High Water & Sewer Bills – How to Check for Leaks:

When is the last time you checked for water leaks?
Leaks, whether unseen or unfixed, can waste hundreds and even thousands of gallons of water. It is important to routinely check your plumbing and home for leaky faucets, toilets, and outside taps and irrigation lines.

Toilets are the #1 reason for high water usage, even when residents are unable to hear the toilet running. A continuously running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons a day or more.

How to Check Toilets for Leaks:
1. Take the lid off the tank behind the bowl, flush the toilet, and then wait for it to fully refill.
2. Put a few drops of red food coloring in the tank.
3. Wait several hours.
4. If there is any color in the toilet bowl, there is a leak.

Your Water Meter Can Help Identify Leaks:

Water meters are located inside your home, usually in the basement, utility closet, or under stairs.

Monitor Your Usage – Residents can monitor their water usage by periodically taking note of the water meter reading located on their meter. Watch for spikes in usage or when you believe all water is turned off, check for a change in the reading which may indicate that water is running.
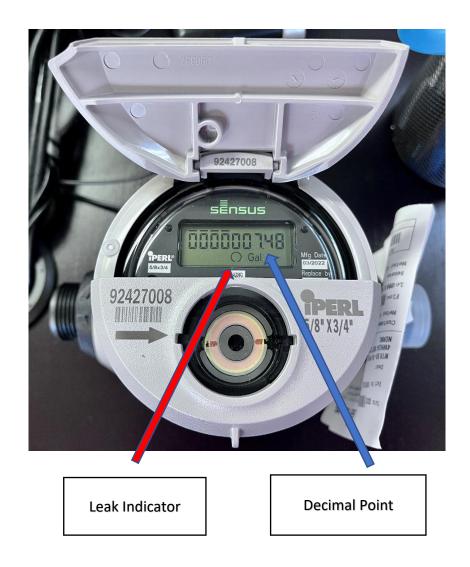
Check the Leak Detector Located on the Water Meter - There are 2 types of meters. Depending on the meter you have, follow these instructions to use the leak detector.

SJWTX meters are extremely accurate and have built-in features to detect the smallest amounts of usage. To check for leaks, turn off all faucets and equipment that use water.

Sensus iPearl Meters

In order to detect a leak with our Sensus iPearl meters, lift the lid on the actual meter to expose the digital readout register. A "+" sign in the round circle below the numbers will indicate water flowing through the meter. Also, the iPearl is very sensitive so you may notice an increasing number count on the right hand of the decimal point of the digital register. If you notice one or both of these and you are certain water has been turned off, then you most likely have a leak.

After checking your iPearl Meter, please be sure to close the lid. **The meter lid must remain closed.**

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Sensus SR2 Meters

It may be necessary to wipe off the face of the meter in order to see it clearly. This meter is equipped with a "test" hand that rotates in a clockwise direction when water is being used. Observe the "test" hand very closely. If there is any movement in the "test" hand and you are certain water has been turned off, most likely there is a leak.

- On this meter the test hand is a black triangle above the read numbers.

To learn more about common causes of high-water bills please visit:
https://villageofwarwick.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Why-Is-My-Water-Bill-So-High.pdf