



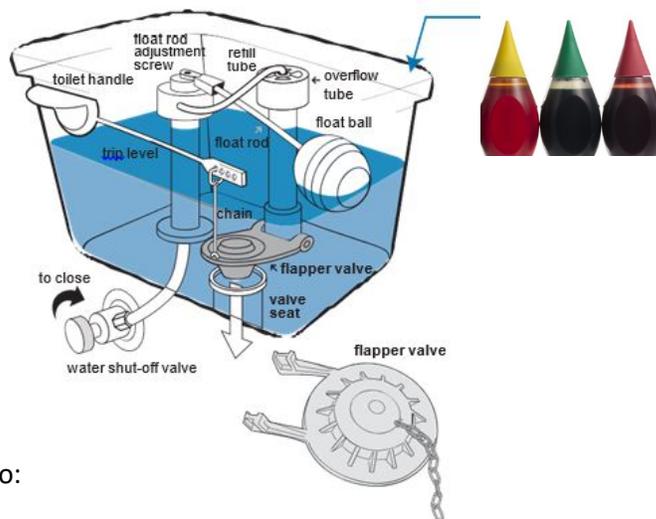
Is your money going down the toilet?

Did you know that a leaky toilet can waste between 750 to 1,000 litres of water per day? A leak like this can triple or quadruple your water bill. The worst part is it leaves no trace!

A leaky toilet can be difficult to detect, especially if it is a spare washroom that is not used on a regular basis or away from common areas of the house. Majority of leaks are caused by a faulty flapper which allows water into the bowl of the toilet from the tank. This trickle of water is unnoticeable until the tank gets low enough that it refills and then the cycle starts again.

To check if your toilets are leaking and costing you money try this simple trick.

- 1) Remove the lid from the top of your tank.
- 2) Add 10 to 12 drops of food coloring to the water. (Try to avoid colours like blue which could be present from cleaning solutions, which could create a false positive.)
- 3) Wait 15 – 20 minutes
- 4) If the water in the bowl remains clear there are no leaks.
- 5) If you see any colour in your bowl, you likely have a faulty flapper and a leak.
- 6) Flush the toilet to remove the food coloring from the system.



Things that you can do:

- 1) Check that the chain is not too tight that it is preventing the flapper from sealing properly.
- 2) Check to make sure that there is no sediment around the flapper valve or valve seal.
- 3) Change the flapper valve.
- 4) Ensure that the water level in the tank is below the overflow tube, otherwise your tank could be overflowing and leaking water down into the bowl
- 5) If a leak still occurs you may need to change the valve seat if it has been damaged.

Even new toilets can leak so it's important to check all toilets on a regular basis.