

Leaky loos: Frequently asked questions

Did you know?

Between 5% and 8% of toilets are leaking and each one can waste between 215 and 400 litres of clean drinking water on average every day. Fixing leaky loos could save you as much as £300 per year. It could also contribute around 10% of the additional water capacity needed to cope with an extreme drought in England by 2050.

How can I tell if my toilet is leaking?

Look out for these signs:

- The sound of a constant trickle at the back of the toilet pan is an obvious sign that something's not right
- Noise in the cistern, even when the toilet hasn't been flushed
- You notice your water meter usage rising

Is there a way I can check if I have a leaky loo?

There is a simple test you can do:

Step 1: Half an hour after a flush, wipe the back of the pan dry with toilet tissue

Step 2: Place a new, dry sheet of toilet tissue across the back of the pan

Step 3: Leave it in place for up to three hours without using the toilet, or overnight

Step 4: If the paper is wet or torn in the morning – you have a leaky loo

Alternatively, you can order free leaky loo 'strips' by registering to GetWaterFit at www.seswater.co.uk/getwaterfit.

