

# Toilet Tank Leak Tests

**Save Water | Prevent Damage | Lower Your Utility Bill**

A silently leaking toilet tank can waste hundreds of gallons of water per week — often without you noticing. Our licensed technicians are trained to quickly detect and resolve these invisible water wasters, keeping your home efficient and your utility bills in check.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN OUR TECHNICIAN ARRIVES**

Our approach to toilet tank leak testing is fast, clean, and non-invasive.

### **Step-by-Step Breakdown:**

1. **Initial Interview & Visual Check**
  - We ask about any recent water bill spikes, running sounds, or weak flushes.
  - Quick visual inspection of tank internals (flapper, fill valve, overflow tube).
2. **Dye Test**
  - We add safe, colored dye to the tank water and wait 10–15 minutes without flushing.
  - If color shows up in the bowl, it confirms a leak from the tank into the bowl.
3. **Component Diagnostics**
  - We inspect for:
    - Worn-out flappers
    - Faulty fill valves
    - Maladjusted float mechanisms
    - Tank cracks
    - Overflow issues
4. **Report & Recommendation**
  - You'll get a clear explanation of the findings.
  - We'll walk you through options for repair, part replacement, or upgrade.

**Time Estimate:** 20–45 minutes per toilet.

## **WHAT IS THIS SERVICE FOR? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?**

Toilet tanks hold water for the flush cycle. Inside the tank are simple but vital components — like the **flapper** (a rubber seal that releases water during flushing), and the **fill valve** (which refills the tank after a flush).

Over time, these parts wear out or become misaligned, causing **slow, silent leaks** from the tank into the bowl. These leaks often go unnoticed, but:

- Can waste up to **200 gallons per day**
- Cause **higher water bills**

- Create unnecessary **wear on plumbing**
- Lead to **mold or floor damage** if leaks extend outside the tank

A toilet leak test helps stop the waste — and the surprise bills — before they begin.

## **REPAIR OR REPLACE? YOUR OPTIONS**

After testing, our technician may recommend one of the following:

- **Repair** – Adjust or refit internal components (e.g., flapper, chain, fill level).
- **Spot Repair** – Replace just one or two worn parts (like a leaky flapper).
- **Full Replacement** – Install a brand new, high-efficiency toilet.
- **Upgrade** – Swap for a dual-flush or WaterSense model to save water long-term.

## **COMPARE YOUR OPTIONS**

<b>Option</b>	<b>Pros</b>	<b>Cons</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Ideal When</b>	<b>Time to Complete</b>
<b>Repair</b>	Quick and low-cost	May be temporary if parts are aged	\$	Simple misadjustment, minor wear	20–30 minutes
<b>Spot Repair</b>	Only fixes the broken component	Doesn't address aging system	\$–\$\$	1–2 parts are clearly worn	30–45 minutes
<b>Full Replacement</b>	Modern efficiency, better performance	Higher cost, needs full install	\$\$\$	Toilet is old, cracked, or uses excess water	1–2 hours
<b>Upgrade</b>	Eco-friendly, lowers long-term bills	Slightly higher upfront cost	\$\$–\$\$\$	You want to reduce water waste and save monthly	1.5–2.5 hours

## **HOMEOWNER TIPS & TRICKS**

- **DIY Leak Test:** Add a few drops of food coloring into your tank. Wait 15 minutes — if the color appears in the bowl, you've got a leak.
- **Avoid Drop-In Tablets:** These can degrade rubber components (like flappers) and cause leaks.
- **Flush Gently:** Avoid slamming handles or jiggling them repeatedly.
- **Annual Checks:** Have your toilet inspected once a year or during other plumbing service calls.

## **STOP THE DRIP — AND SAVE**

Toilet tank leaks are easy to miss but costly over time. At **Bayshore Plumbers**, we're here to help you catch them early and fix them fast. We're licensed, local, and family-owned — committed to helping you protect your water, your wallet, and your home.

 **Need a quick check? Schedule a toilet leak test today!**

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):**

### **1. How do I know if my toilet tank is leaking?**

If you hear **constant running water**, see an unexplained **spike in your water bill**, or notice the bowl refilling without flushing, you may have a leak. The best test: **add a few drops of food coloring to your tank**, wait 10–15 minutes, and see if color appears in the bowl — if it does, there's a leak.

### **2. What causes silent toilet leaks?**

Most leaks come from **worn-out flappers**, **faulty fill valves**, or **misaligned float mechanisms**. Over time, these internal components deteriorate or get stuck, causing water to seep silently from the tank into the bowl — wasting up to **200 gallons per day** without you knowing.

### **3. What happens during a professional toilet leak test?**

Our licensed technician will:

- Interview you about symptoms
- Inspect internal tank parts
- Perform a **dye test**
- Diagnose the cause

Then we'll walk you through the results and suggest the most efficient fix — whether it's a quick adjustment or a full upgrade.

### **4. How long does the leak test take?**

Each test takes about **20–45 minutes per toilet**, depending on what we find. We prioritize cleanliness and clarity — and we'll never perform extra work without your approval.

### **5. Should I repair or replace my toilet?**

That depends on the issue:

- **Minor misalignments:** quick repairs
  - **Worn parts:** spot repairs
  - **Old or cracked toilets:** full replacement or upgrade
- We'll provide pros, cons, and costs for each option — no pressure, just honest guidance.

### **6. Can I prevent toilet leaks in the future?**

Yes!

- **Avoid drop-in tablets** — they wear down flappers

- **Flush gently** and avoid jiggling handles
  - **Have annual checkups**, especially during other plumbing visits
- These small steps help you avoid water waste and costly damage.