

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

| Option | Pros | Cons | Budget | Ideal When | Time to Complete |
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| Repair | Quick and low-cost | May be temporary if parts are aged | \$ | Simple misadjustment, minor wear | 20–30 minutes |
| Spot Repair | Only fixes the broken component | Doesn't address aging system | \$\$-\$ | 1–2 parts are clearly worn | 30–45 minutes |
| Full Replacement | Modern efficiency, better performance | Higher cost, needs full install | \$\$\$ | Toilet is old, cracked, or uses excess water | 1–2 hours |
| Upgrade | 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.