

Water Watch Walkaround Checklist

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Look out for leaks at your site and check your water meter, if it's safe to access, each week - to track the amount of water being used and spot any issues on your pipe network that need repairs.

Water bills can be higher if they're based on estimates, so it's worth providing reads to us to help keep account information updated.

Key things to keep an eye out for are:

Running or dripping taps.

Location/s: _____

Water constantly running from showers, toilet cisterns (including running into the toilet bowl) or urinals.

Location/s: _____

Any obvious signs of a water leak, such as stain/discolouration on ceilings or walls or constant damp patches on ground outside buildings.

Location/s: _____

Dripping water from overflow pipes outside the building.

Location/s: _____

Unexpected increase in water use on the water meter for the site or building compared to previous week (only access the meter if it's safe to do so)?

Check out the steps to take to check for leaks on our website too

www.water-plus.co.uk/leakcheck

Remember – and share - these tips to reduce water waste:

1. **Turn taps off after use to cut water waste.** Did you know that a running tap uses around 6 litres of water a minute? That's equal to more than 18 cans of fizzy drink.
2. **Bin sanitary products, wet wipes and cotton buds to reduce blockages in toilets or water supply interruptions at your workplace or home,** rather than flushing them away.
3. **A leaky loo can waste up to 400 litres of water a day** – that's equivalent to 5 full bath tubs.
4. **Some water leaks are not easy to spot and can be underground.** Tracking your water use through checking the water meter weekly will help point to any potential leaks on-site.
5. **Fill up dishwashers and use eco settings and consider using washing-up water from kitchens on grassed areas instead of sprinklers,** which can use as much water in 1 hour as a family of 4 uses in 1 day.
6. **Ask school staff to report leaks so a repair can be arranged promptly and to identify processes that could be wasting water.** Taking action to complete repairs of leaks quickly will help to prevent water bill costs increasing from water loss.

If you suspect you have a leak on your underground supply pipe, you can contact our Advanced Services team at: advancedservices@water-plus.co.uk . They can provide a quote for leak identification and repairs.

Small steps when it comes to using water can make a big difference and help reduce the impact we all have on the environment too.