



Leak Detection & Repair: Tips & Tricks



Locating Indoor Leaks

- Place a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If color seeps into the bowl after a few minutes without flushing, there's a leak.
- Inspect under sinks for moisture or dripping.
- Listen for unusual sounds like hissing or dripping, especially near appliances like water heaters.



Locating Outdoor Leaks

- Look for pooling water or soft spots in your yard.
- Observe outdoor faucets or hoses for slow drips.
- Inspect irrigation systems for broken or misaligned sprinklers.

Reading Your Water Meter

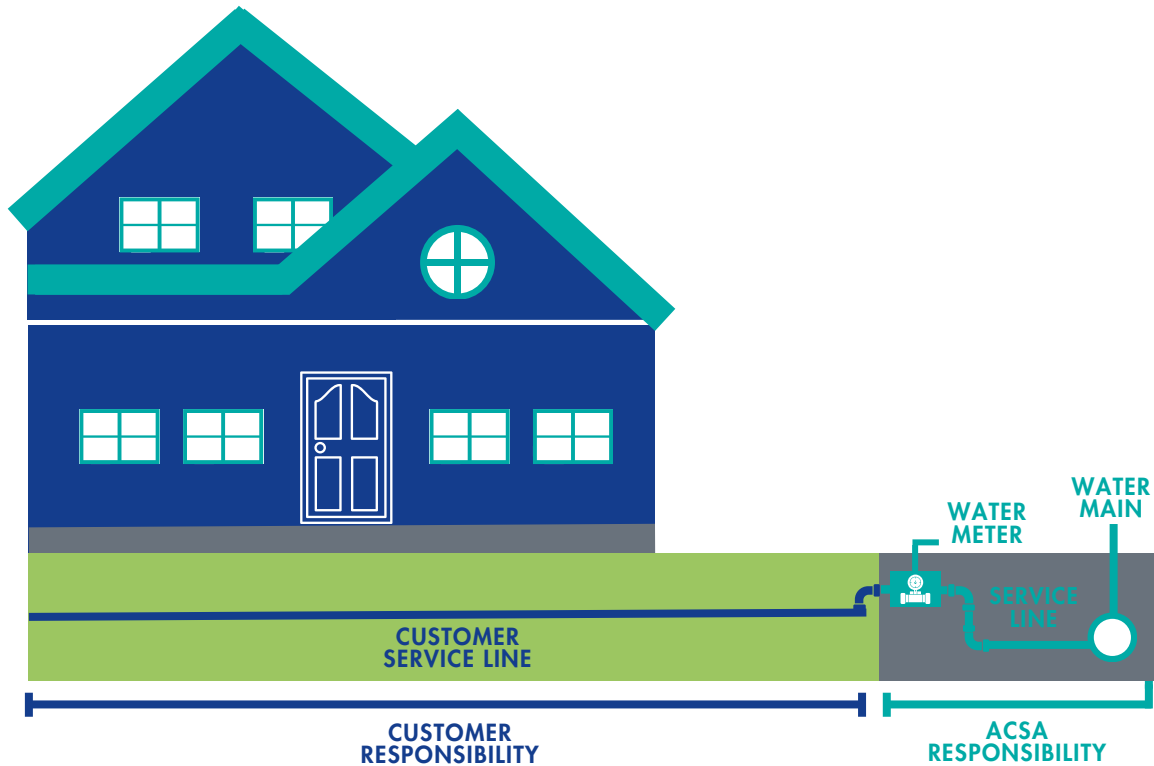
1. Before reading your meter, turn off all water inside and outside your home.
2. The LCD display will show a "+" sign to indicate water flow. The totalizer readout on the LCD display will increase when water is flowing.
3. If water is off and the display still shows a "+" sign or increasing totalizer, a leak is likely present.
4. To identify the leak's location, turn off your main shutoff valve. If your meter still shows a "+" sign, the leak is on your service line (outside your home). If the "+" sign is no longer present, the leak is inside your home.



Probable Leak



No Leak



Inspecting Your Service Line

- Walk along the service line path between the meter and your house.
- Look for unusually green or damp spots, which might indicate a leak underground.

When to Call a Professional

- If you can't locate the source of the leak.
- For leaks in hard-to-access places like walls or underground pipes.
- To assess and repair significant water loss.

Preventing Leaks

- Regularly inspect appliances like washing machines and dishwashers for wear and tear.
- Keep plumbing fixtures in good repair with periodic maintenance.

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