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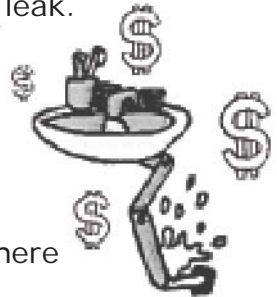
# How to **Ch**eck for Leaks



**Leaks** can occur in household water pipes, fittings and appliances. They are not always visible so the best method of detection is to read your water meter regularly. If your consumption increases dramatically for no obvious reason, there could be a **hidden leak**.

## *Other methods of leak detection include:*

- ◆ Check the toilet system by pouring some food colouring into the cistern, if the colouring appears in the toilet bowl before flushing, you have a leak.
- ◆ Turn off every tap in the house and check the reading on your water meter. Do not use any water (including the toilet) for at least 30 minutes or overnight and check the meter again. If it has moved, you have a leak.
- ◆ Some meters have a leak detection dial. If it is moving when there is no water being used, you have a leak.



*If you cannot find the exact location of the problem . . .*

*. . . Contact a Plumber.*

