

What Does Usage Look Like When A Toilet Is Leaking

What does a leaking toilet do to your bill? How does a leaking toilet work? Let us explain a bit. Do you have to "jiggle" the handle to stop the toilet from running? That toilet is leaking and costing you your hard-earned money.

A toilet leak can be slow and quiet or fast and loud. Either way, both are expensive and if not rectified quickly, will be very costly. A toilet has a rubber flapper valve in the tank part of the toilet. If that flapper part doesn't seal tightly then water leaks by it causing the water in the bowl to seep into the sewer system, allowing the water to continually fill the bowl. Usually if you go to your local department store or plumbing store, you can buy the parts to repair the leak.

To test your toilet, you can use food coloring in the tank part of your toilet. Color that water up pretty. Don't use the toilet for 30 - 60 minutes but keep watching the water in the bowl. If that pretty colored water seeps into the bowl, your toilet is running. Fix it quickly!

For example, let's take a small business with a toilet and a sink and a breakroom. Their normal bill is about \$72.00. Their newest bill, courtesy of the running toilet, is \$1,178.54. This is real!! We have seen these bills go much higher. This is not something we enjoy seeing. We always say that the cost of a plumber will be cheaper than your next bill.

Just a little fact that might put this into prospective, a 1/16" leak in 3 months uses 74,000 gallons which equals 9,850 cf which equals \$1,407.78 in water and sewer.