



There are a number of signs that a toilet is in need of repair.
Here are some of the obvious signs of a leaking toilet:

1. If you have to jiggle the handle to make a toilet stop running.
2. Any sounds coming from a toilet that is not being used are sure signs of a leak.
3. If you have to hold the handle down to allow the tank to empty.
4. If you see water running over the top of the overflow, you definitely have a leaking refill valve.
5. If you see water trickling down the sides of the toilet bowl long after it has been flushed.
6. If water drips out of the refill tube into the overflow pipe.
7. If a toilet turns the water on for 15 seconds or so without you touching the handle.

Tips on how to identify hard to find leaks:

A very slow leak can be very difficult to hear or see. One easy way to check for a leaky toilet is to remove the lid on the back of the toilet, known as the tank. Place 3 or 4 drops of food coloring into the tank. Do not flush the toilet for at least 2 hours. If the colored water appears in the toilet bowl, you have a leak in the flush valve and will need to replace the flapper.

You should also check to be sure the water level in your tank is at least 1" below the top of the overflow tube. If the water is too high, water will leak over the top of the tube and directly down the drain.