

Water Line Leak Checklist

It's not always clear when you have a water line leak. If you think something's up and aren't sure, though, don't wait to find out the hard way. Instead, it's time to perform a little triage. Here's your handy to-do list for a suspected water line leak, so you can spend those dollars on the stuff you really care about in life.

Get started by:

- Check your water bill for the last three months. Have you seen any strange hikes or patterns? If you're not quite sure, go back six months.
- Check physical factors as well, inside and out. Do you have leaky faucets or see rusty water when you turn on taps? Are there soggy patches on the lawn or in the garden? Do you see strange mold, wet baseboards or basement flooding? These are all major signs that something is wrong, so don't ignore them.
- Take a few notes on the symptoms you see so you can explain them to your plumber. The more detailed, the better.
- Call a plumber. If the signs are severe, don't wait until morning – that just gives the issue time to build. If you've only noticed a few small issues, call that day and run the problem past your plumber. We'll tell you whether or not you need to worry, and how much.
- Make a plan for a consultation or fix as soon as possible.
- Enjoy water bill freedom!