

## 9 Sneakiest Ways Plumbing Leaks May Be Draining Your Wallet Right Now

Wondering how the plumbing monster is draining your bank account – not to mention the water supply – right now? Leaks can siphon off gallons of water every hour without you ever noticing, and here's how:

1. A slow drip in a sink or shower, where the water adheres to the outside of the pipe and runs down without you hearing that classic “drip drip drip” noise
2. A running toilet, where water slips from the toilet tank into the bowl, sometimes wholly unheralded by sound
3. Leaking sewer pipe, which can destroy your lawn or foundations and cost thousands in repairs
4. Hidden leak inside a wall, which can again destroy your home, encouraging rot and mold
5. Hot water heater leak, usually from a crack or rusted-out spot, so that water pools on the floor
6. Leaking around the base of the toilet from an inner pipe, funneling thousands of gallons onto the floor rather than into the bowl
7. Leaking washing machines caused by old or busted gaskets
8. Leaking dishwashers caused by the same faulty parts
9. A leak in the water main, which can waste thousands of gallons and funnel them into the lawn, garden or foundations

Whether you end up having to fix your home, property or individual fixtures, these problems can mean thousands (and sometimes tens of thousands) of dollars you don't want to spend. Avoid that by catching leaks quick.