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Winter water use can provide leakage clues

MWRD, U.S. EPA offer water conservation tips during Fix a Leak Week

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Fixing simple household water leaks can save homeowners more than 10 percent on their water bills and minimize chances of flooding or basement backups. To help prompt action to conserve water, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) has joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and other water-oriented agencies to celebrate Fix a Leak Week March 12 through March 18.

The week was designed to remind homeowners, renters and landlords to look at household fixtures and irrigation systems to check for leaks. While some may think the ideal time to check for leaks is in the summer, winter offers equal opportunities.

To detect a leak, take a few minutes to check your next water bill. If winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, chances are good that you have a serious leak problem.

Another way to check if there is a leak is to check your water meter when no water is being used. If the meter is moving, chances are there is a leak; however, don't be fooled by an active ice maker.

“Not only does reducing water waste help conservation efforts, but there is money to be saved when it comes time to paying your monthly bill,” said MWRD Executive Director David St. Pierre. “Everyone is looking for ways to stretch their budget. Taking a few minutes to check for leaks can result in big savings. You are caring for our most valuable resource—water.”

More information about the MWRD can be found at www.mwrdd.org or by following the MWRD at www.facebook.com/metropolitanwaterreclamationdistrict and www.twitter.com/mwrddgc.

More information about Fix a Leak Week can be found at www.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/fix_a_leak.html.

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