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## **Wanted: Leak Detectives for Fix a Leak Week March 20 – 26**

**Bellevue WA** – Are you ready to save water and money? You can start by chasing down leaks in your home that may be wasting both!

The average American home may waste more than 10,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks, which can significantly raise a homeowner's water and wastewater bills and waste a limited resource.



Cascade Water Alliance is working with partners throughout the region to make improvements. Fix a Leak Week events are happening in:

- Bellevue: March 22 and March 24, with Seattle Children's Bellevue Clinic and Surgery Center; free conservation kits for staff, facility water audits;
- Issaquah: March 23, with King County Housing Authority; free conservation items for residents, leak checks for toilets;
- Kirkland, March 22, with King County Housing Authority; free conservation items for residents; leak repair workshop for KCHA staff;
- Redmond, March 21, with King County Housing Authority; free conservation retrofits for residents;
- Sammamish, March 20, with Tilth Alliance and the Issaquah School District; drip irrigation installation at school community garden;
- Skyway, March 20, with King County Housing Authority; free conservation items for residents, leak checks for toilets, and
- Tukwila, March 24, with America's Best Value Inn; commercial facility toilet leak detection and facility audit.

Will you help do your part? One of the most common types of leaks, a leaking toilet, can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. Finding the leak is the first step in fixing the problem. In

recent years residents in Cascade Water Alliance's service area have saved thousands of gallons per day by fixing leaking toilets. Residents can detect and fix a leaking toilet in four easy steps:

1. Carefully remove and set aside the toilet tank lid.
2. Place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank.
3. Wait 15 minutes and do not flush.
4. If food coloring appears in the toilet bowl, the flapper valve in your toilet is leaking and should be replaced.

More information on detecting a leaking toilet and other water efficiency programs can be found at [www.cascadewater.org](http://www.cascadewater.org).

Cascade Water Alliance is a municipal corporation comprised of seven cities and water districts, including the cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond, Tukwila and the Skyway Water and Sewer District, and Sammamish Plateau Water, that joined together in 1999 to provide water supply for current and future needs. The agency currently serves 350,000 residents and 20,000 businesses.

For more information, visit [www.cascadewater.org](http://www.cascadewater.org).