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Golden State Water Company Encourages Customers to Support EPA's "Fix a Leak Week" March 15-21

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is promoting its second annual WaterSense Fix a Leak Week, March 15 to 21, 2010.

As spring officially rolls in March 20, put "fixing water leaks" on your list of spring chores, and make it part of your regular home maintenance checklist year-round.

The EPA says minor leaks from household plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems account for more than 1 trillion gallons of water wasted each year in U.S. homes. That's enough to supply Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami with their water needs for a year.

Here are some simple tips to fix leaks in and around the home:

- Check faucet washers and gaskets for wear and, if necessary, replace the faucet with a WaterSense labeled model.
- For a leaky garden hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.
- Use dye tablets to check for leaky toilets. Watch Golden State Water Company Water Use Efficiency Manager Edwin de Leon explain how to use dye tablets in one of five "Golden Rules for Water Conservation" [video vignettes](#).

GSWC is helping lead the effort to increase conservation during a statewide water shortage by partnering with customers, community leaders, and regulators to promote conservation strategies; investing wisely to maintain its water systems; and designing water rates that reward customers who reduce consumption.

We work to protect every drop of water from the source to tap.

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